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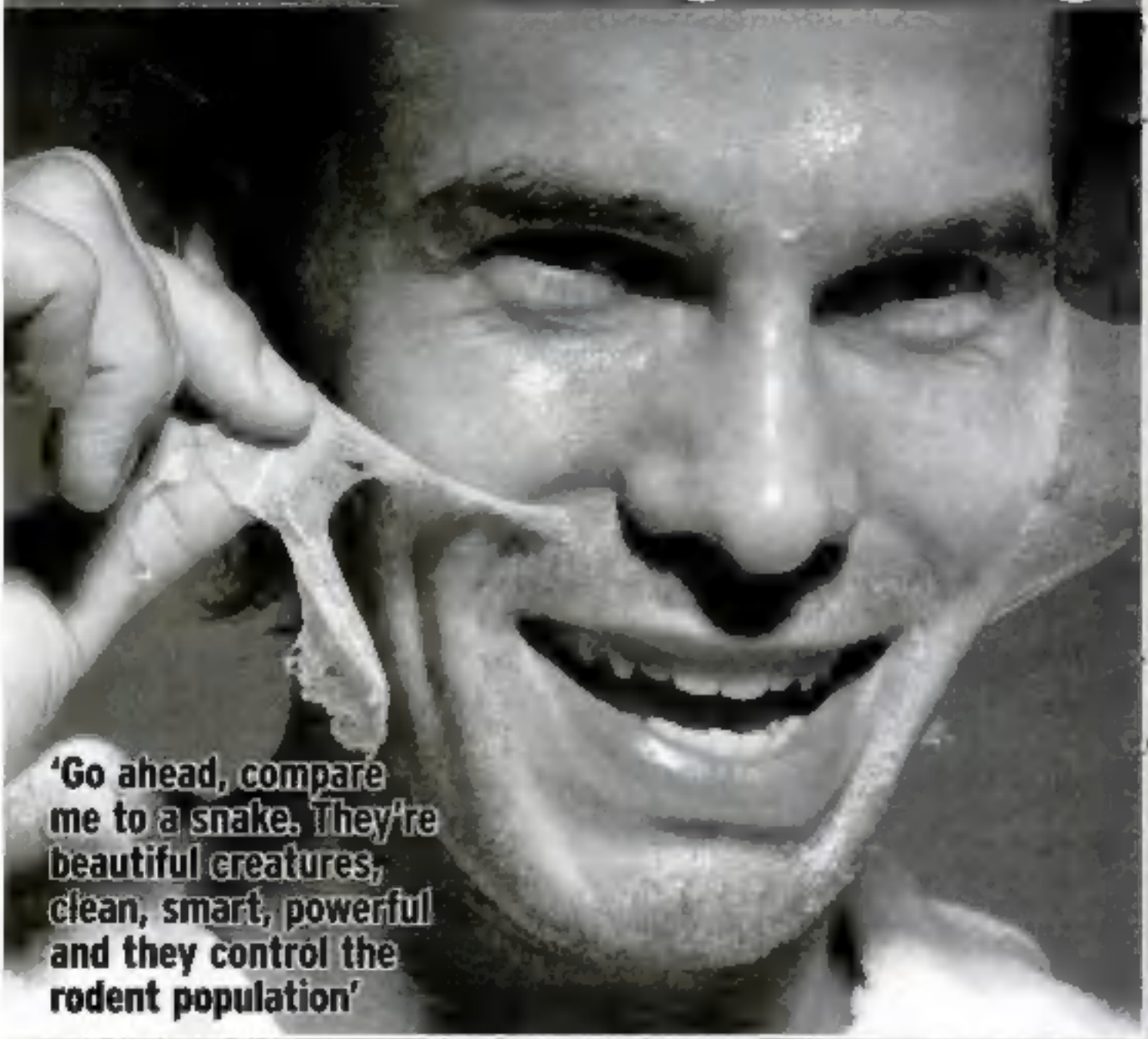

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HIS SKIN — THREE TIMES A YEAR!

TUSCARORA, Nev. — Because lawyers are often thought of as being slimy, low-down and deadly, they are frequently compared to snakes. One lawyer, however, appears to be even more snake-like than all the others — he actually sheds his skin three times a year.

By MARK MILLER

"It's more like exfoliating," revealed attorney Denny Kreutel, describing the process whereby the upper layers of dead skin are sloughed off to expose the finer, more translucent tissue underneath.

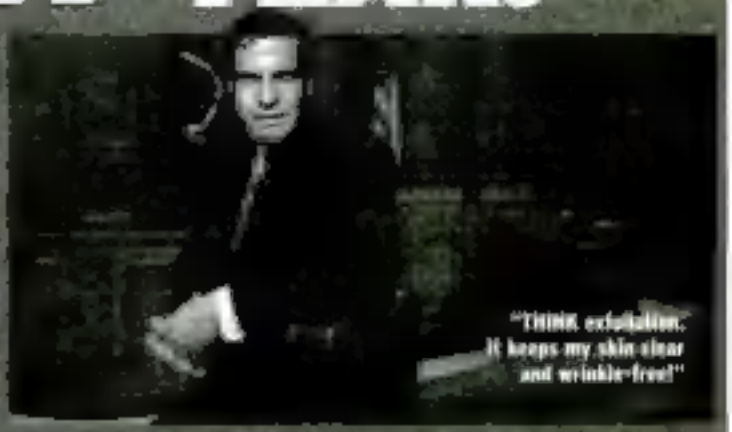
"Around the beginning of every January, April and September, my skin starts getting real rough and [illegible] and just sort of peels off, either in the shower or at the gym. I kind of look forward to it, actually. It keeps me young and vital."

Kreutel said this has happened ever since he entered law school. At first he thought it was an allergic reaction to the [illegible]. When he graduated, he realized it was just [illegible] of the damaged cells that accumulated from all the twisting and turning he did to creep through legal [illegible] and [illegible] judges and glad-hand jurists.

[illegible] Kreutel uses the lawyer-snake comparison as a mark of pride.

"In India, [illegible] are considered good luck charms," he said. "They're [illegible] creatures, clean, smart, powerful [illegible] a valuable service by helping [illegible]. So go ahead and call me a [illegible]."

Kreutel then excused himself to answer his phone, which didn't ring — it emitted



"THINK exfoliation. It keeps my skin clear and wrinkle-free!"

PRIMORDIAL SOUP

By LEONARD McCOY

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. – In the stony valleys of Wyoming, paleontologists have unearthed unique fossils suggesting that humankind owes its existence to a most unusual source.

"We found large, curved basins that were made from hollowed-out trees during the Triassic period, over 2030 million years ago," said Dr. Henry Rexford. "Our conclusion is that these were bowls used by the dinosaurs which actually drank soup!"

Weekly World News did not immediately see how this related to the origins of humankind.

"Well, we were never quite sure how the dinosaurs – the precursors to humans – evolved," said Dr. Rexford. "Then we discovered that these prehistoric soup bowls contained all of the basic chemicals needed to create life.

"Chemical analysis showed traces of proteins, fats and meat seasoning used by the dinosaurs contained methane, ammonia and hydrogen.

"We believe that our ancestors sprang from this primordial soup," Dr. Rexford went on. "As the bowls were [illegible] the rainfall mixed with electrolytes and amino acids in the water. These created tiny sea creatures that eventually swam ashore.

"By the Cretaceous period, 100 million years later, these mammals had evolved into the first hominoids."

Dr. Rexford expressed amazement that the compounds in the soup evolved into primates and not, say, insect-like creatures.

"Considering the time period, there were probably a lot of very large flies in their soup!" the paleontologist

GHOST

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Providence Center for Paranormal Investigation has lost its battle to preserve an old building that has been known since the 1700s as The Friar's Tavern. The owner of the pub, Henry Hill, died last year and his heirs have decided to sell to a development group.

By LEONARD McCOY

"The Friar's Tavern is not only a local landmark, it has been a hotbed of supernatural activity for the past 300 years," said paranormal investigator Thomas Elder. "To see it refurbished as a dance club for twenty-somethings will be very upsetting."

The pub was founded in 1701 by John Hill, a former monk. It was a place where travelers could get a drink, a meal and a few inspiring words from the Holy Book.

"However, every Halloween the club was closed and Friar Hill would admit a different kind of customer," said Elder. "The dead."

When he was a clergyman, Hill learned of all the lonely spirits who roamed the world on Halloween.

"They were homesick for our world," Elder went on. "He decided to give them a chance to enjoy the good earth for a while. He encouraged the ghosts to get together at the tavern and hold an annual roast in honor of one of their famous members."

Since most of the attendees had lived well-documented lives, it was easy to roast them. Hill kept a journal of these occasions, and the family has given *Weekly World News* permission to run a few excerpts.

The first 'Ghost Roast' was Henry the VIII in 1702. The evening was kicked off by the ghost of Sir Isaac Newton.

"We've all heard soooo much about the reign of Henry the VIII," said Newton. "And we know why he doesn't like hanging around in Heaven. There are six angry ladies there who all want to have a word with him."

In 1703, Henry the VIII got a chance to roast Leonardo da Vinci.

"He's a quite clever chap who

SEA HAWKS

PORTAIL, Malaysia – The peaceful fishermen of Mogwell depend upon the ocean for sustenance. But one day last week, without warning, the sea viciously struck back. Squadrons of deadly, migrating flying fish rose from the depths and attacked the islanders from the air!

"The natives call these fish Sea Hawks, and with good reason," Jeff Thorpe, oceanographer-at-large, told *Weekly World News*. "They're migratory flying fish who have much in common with their avian namesakes.

"Unlike most fish, which survive on plankton, these creatures have developed a rather unusual appetite – for human flesh."

The first attack occurred as the islanders returned from a successful day at sea. Their outriggers laden with bounty, they sang happily of the dinner to come. Suddenly, the skies grew dark as if a storm was approaching. It was, but not a rainstorm.

"The islanders pointed up at a living darkness, which swarmed from the horizon and then descended. The islanders fought bravely against the flying fish bombardment, but soon the surf was awash in blood.

"These attacks have occurred four times now, whenever the fishermen returned from the sea," said Thorpe. "The natives are too scared even to bait a line, fearing retribution from the skies."

Thorpe has convinced the islanders to eat island vegetation until the Sea Hawks can be stopped.

"These killers are mutations caused by the dumping of nuclear waste in the South China Sea," said Thorpe. "Based on computer analysis, I know there was just one way to restore the natural order."

Thorpe is currently awaiting a shipment of catfish from a fish farm in Australia.

– Dick Siegel

SPOON-FED PATRONS PAY BIG BUCKS FOR ULTIMATE DINING

By WILLIAM STEWART

Pampered customers tip waiters at least $200 for the privilege of doing hands-free

MANHATTAN, N.Y. – For over a month, diners have been fighting for reservations – some paying as much as $1,000 on-line – for a table at a chic new Tribeca restaurant called Spoon-Fed.

"It's the most elegant dining experience in the world," said restaurateur Victor Posh. "As the name suggests, Spoon-Fed makes it entirely effortless to partake of a meal. Our highly trained employees stand behind each guest, pick up the utensils and personally escort the food to the diner's mouth."

Posh said he came up with the idea when he noticed how difficult it was for people to eat and talk on cell phones at the same time.

"Now, with both hands free, a diner can fully enjoy the food, the

ROAST!

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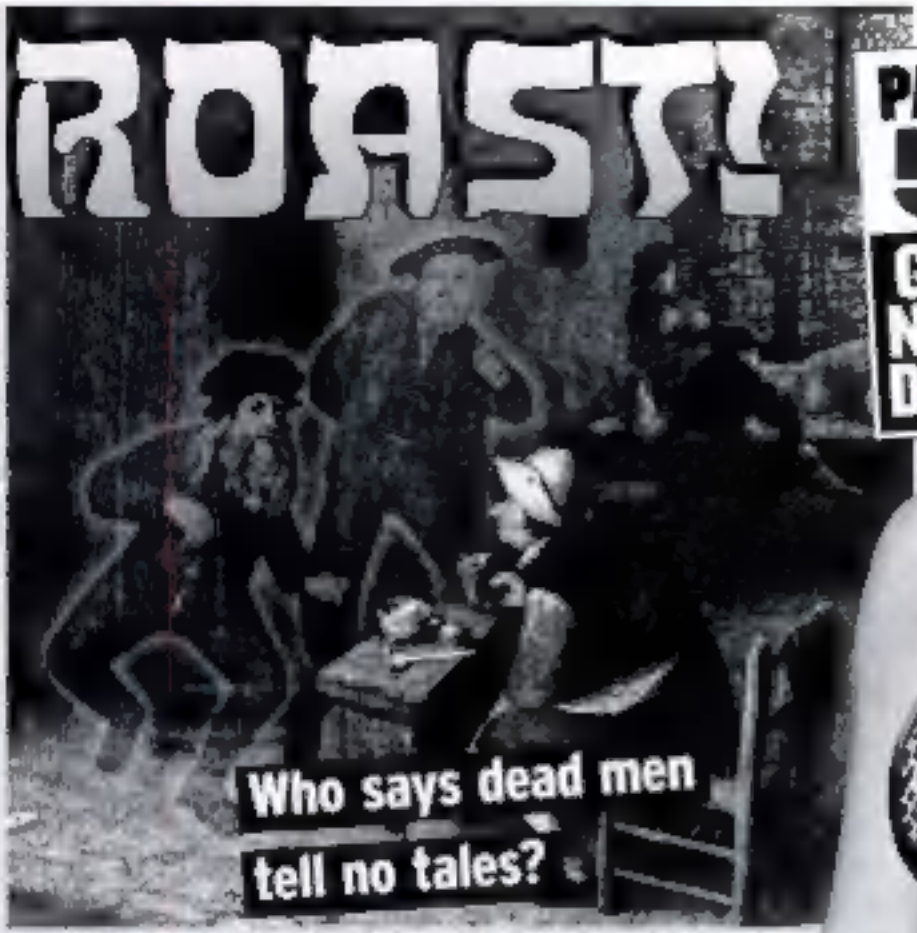

Who says dead men tell no tales?

spent a lifetime creating magnificent art and inventions," said the dead king. "Though I'm surprised he misses Earth, since dying has enabled him to realize his greatest ambition — flying!"

"I just hope these ghosts aren't around when the contractors come to try and remodel the place," said Elder. "They'll be really mad when they see what's happening to their old 'haunt.'"

EXPERIENCE!

without distraction."

Spoon-Fed diners can expect to spend at least $300 per person for an average meal.

"The food alone would cost a few hundred dollars," said Posh. "The real expense is the tip. Because of the expertise and dedication of our waiters – who also dab your mouth and return your napkin to your lap with such speed and grace you'll barely notice – most of them are tipped at least $200 dollars."

We asked diners what they thought of the Spoon-Fed experience.

"I never felt so pampered before in my life," said deodorant heiress Sicily Swanson. "I even asked my

like a baby bird."

"I was most satisfied," said billionaire Robert South. "It was a business dinner, and being liberated from the chore of having to actually cut my filet and feed myself made the talks go very smoothly."

However, South did have one small complaint.

"I was quite unnerved with Spoon-Fed's bathroom attendant," said South. "I strongly feel that this level of personal attention should be confined to the dining area."

California Cutie

WE WISH they all could be California girls . . . especially when they look like Novato, Calif., native Charli Johnson! At 5 feet, 4 inches and a trim 118 pounds, this blonde-haired, blue-eyed professional dancer enjoys ice skating in her spare time, and being strikingly

This One

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believe
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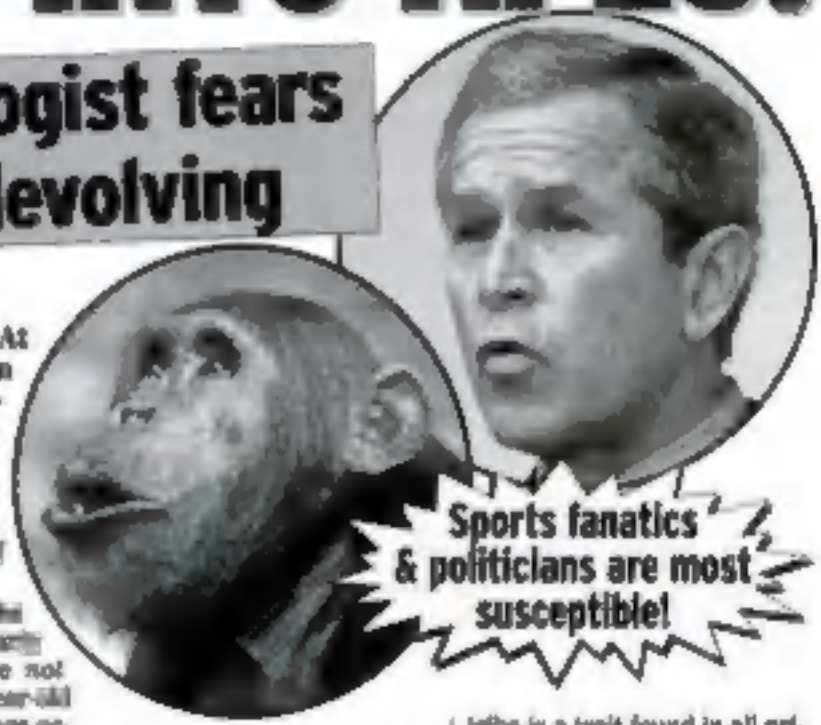
causing it!

HUMANS TURNING BACK INTO APES!

Anthropologist fears man is devolving

IS THIS HAPPENING IN YOUR OFFICE? A team of scientists is working around the clock in a desperate attempt to



Sports fanatics & politicians are most susceptible!

By WILLIAM STEWART

HOUSTON, Tex. — At the Houston Human Genetics Center, anthropologist Frederick O'Hara has made an alarming discovery about the evolutionary condition of the human race.

"Genetic tests over the past seven years clearly show that humans are not evolving," said the 55-year-old scientist. "Instead, we are actually devolving."

The cause of the [illegible] is the so-called Kappa-Gene-O. The "O" stands for O'Hara, who first discovered it.

"The change seems to be triggered by primitive, unsophisticated behavior," O'Hara said. "Once the switch is made that becomes our default setting — like a computer that has crashed or been infected and resets itself to a previous date."

O'Hara walked *Weekly World News* through the groups that prove most susceptible to devolution.

"A third of the test subjects are rabid sports fans," said O'Hara. "They are the type of people who remove their shirts and jump around screaming. Thanks to the gene, that sort of behavior starts to infuse their daily lives."

Another large percentage of devolvers was people who consistently succumbed to road rage.

"Despite the use of increasingly sophisticated technology, driving can be a very aggressive, animalistic activity," said O'Hara. "It's as if our ape-brains can't control the urge to challenge other drivers. We behave like chimps who throw things at one another — in this case, obscene gestures."

Surprisingly, one of the largest groups of devolvers is politicians.

"Grooming behavior in the tribe is a trait found in all primates," O'Hara explained. "Politicians might do this with more poise and eloquence than the rest of us, but the urge is still animalistic. This also explains the number of sex scandals occurring in politics. Even in a position of power and prestige, the bestial nature is strong."

O'Hara and his team are working around the clock to find a way of neutralizing the trend.

"We're trying to create a 'decaf version' of Kappa-Gene-O but we're stymied," he admitted. "In fact, most researchers are betting that all of humankind will eventually revert. We've already got $10,000 in

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BUDGET-CONSCIOUS PROMOTER PRESENTS...

RODENT

By MARK MILLER

CROPLEY, Utah — Because four generations of Argus Feeney's family produced rodeo shows, Feeney felt a special obligation to carry on the tradition.

"But the cost of the shows was just breaking me," he said. "The animals, the food, insurance, stadium rental — they have all been going up every year. It was either face bankruptcy, find a new line of work — or figure out some way to keep the rodeo business going while keeping expenses down."

One night, while lying awake, seeking a solution, Feeney noticed an energetic little mouse scurrying across the floor of his trailer. At one point, it kicked up its hind legs.

"That's when the idea came to me — something new, fun and best of all — inexpensive."

A year later, Feeney's Rodent Rodeo made its debut, featuring a cast of mice, rats, hamsters, prairie dogs, squirrels, lemmings, gerbils, beavers and porcupines.

"Getting the critters was the easy part," admitted Feeney. "Trainin' 'em was the challenge. This might surprise you, but rodents are not natural-born rodeo performers."

Yet with patience, discipline and plenty of rewards, the rodents eventually learned to ride, rope and hog-tie one another.

"They look forward to it now," stated Feeney. "In fact, the days we don't have a rodeo show, the critters are kinda restless and depressed."

Not everyone is a fan of the Rodent Rodeo.

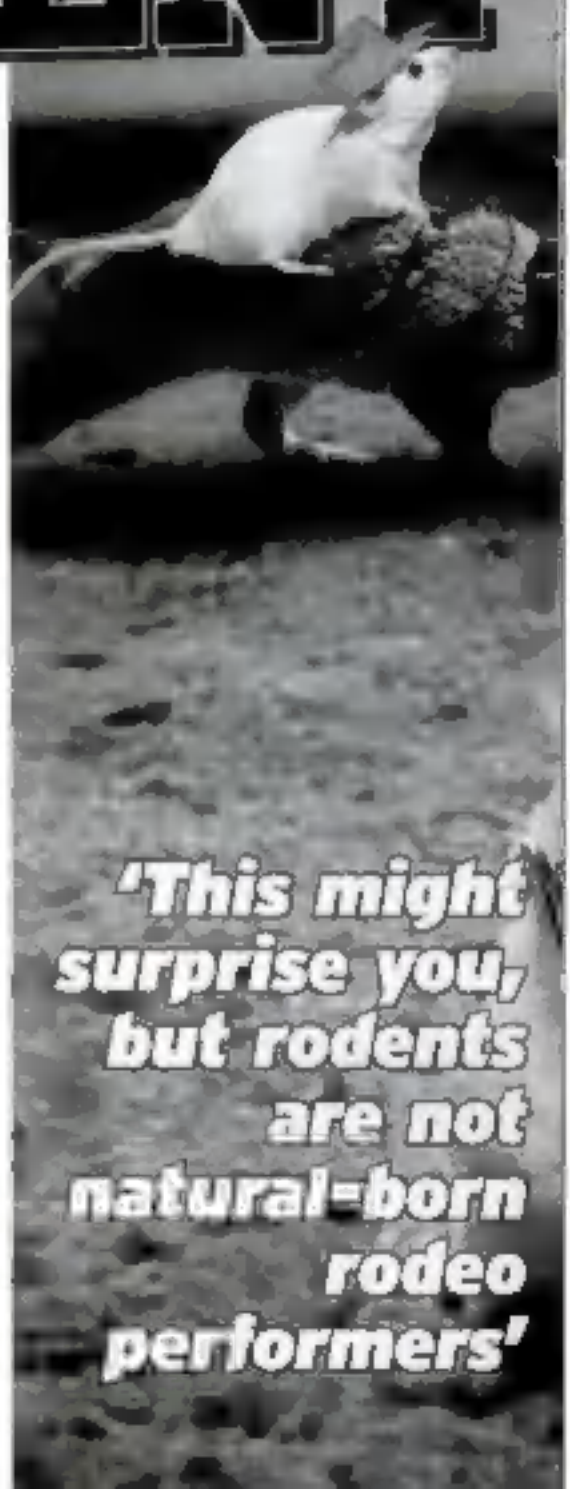
"It's wildly abusive and clearly takes unfair advantage of helpless creatures," complained animal activist Linda Kanner. "I dare you to look me in the eye and tell me that a beaver enjoys being hog-tied by a squirrel. It's humiliating, it's wrong and it's got to stop."

Feeney, however, has no intention of stopping what clearly has become a cash gerbil.

"For centuries, people have hated and exterminated rodents," he said. "Now, they've come to appreciate their entertainment value."

Even Feeney's wife has been influenced by her husband's success and creativity.

"She's working day and night to develop tiny, portable stands that can travel with us and sell our merchandise," he said. "It's gonna be the



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RODEO!

HEADLINES FROM TOMORROW!

By CHUCK LEE

AFTER opening a popular Chinese restaurant in Manhattan, Chuck Lee discovered that eating large amounts of hot mustard enabled him to foretell the future. Chuck shares his remarkable predictions with *Weekly World News*:

MANHATTAN, N.Y., 2008 – Hoping to compete with videogames in the nurturing of fine motor skills, a new holographic drawing toy is developed which allows children to create three-dimensional illustrations. It's called an Escher Sketch.

CHICAGO, Ill., 2009 – To help people more easily read the fine print during business deals, a new type of eye wear is developed by optometrists. They're called Contract Lenses.

BOSTON, Mass., 2011 – To improve people's mental acuity, scientists develop a medical procedure called 'brain washing.' By using targeted electroshock to cleanse the mind of trivial data, people can function more effectively and efficiently at their jobs. Individuals make lists of undesirable information – such as old phone numbers, birthdays of former spouses, and terrible song lyrics, and these are automatically deleted.

MIAMI, Fla., 2013 – Microwaves become obsolete after the discovery of gamma waves. Gamma wave ovens cook food 10 times faster than microwaves.

MIAMI, Fla., 2014 – Gamma wave ovens are recalled when it's discovered that the radiation alters food at the genetic level. The first recorded incident was an omelet that suddenly became a chick. This answers the age-old question of which came first, the chicken or the egg.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., 2015 – Scientists develop molecular chip technology that lets people influence reality at the quantum level. DNA linked to the brain and injected into the bloodstream, this type of 'micro management' allows busy individuals to take complete

COURTS REIGN TO THEIR HEADS: Don Preminger and Lauri Fraser were crowned Weippe High School's Prom King and Queen.

PROM KING AND QUEEN SEEK U.N. RECOGNITION OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY . . .

PROMVANIA!

By MARK MILLER

WEIPPE, Idaho — When Don Preminger and Lauri Fraser were crowned Weippe High School's Prom King and Queen last June, they reacted like most 17-year-old students receiving that distinction — they graciously thanked their fellow students, posed for photos, and attended several celebratory parties. But as the school's best looking and most popular romantic couple, the honor went to their heads.

According to fellow student Chris Finn, "Soon after the prom, Don and Lauri started developing this holier-than-thou attitude, as though they were above us all — like they were royalty or something."

Royalty, indeed. Three weeks after the prom, Preminger and Fraser petitioned the United Nations to recognize the couple as rulers of their newly formed country, Promvania!

"Naturally, we assumed it was simply a high school prank," said U.N. spokesperson Patrice Cooper. "But they call every week, dead serious, to inquire about the status of their application. We've had to inform them that membership is open only to countries, not individuals."

Undaunted, Preminger and Fraser have begun recognizing Promvania as a sovereign nation.

Preminger and Fraser refused requests for an interview, but instead referred *Weekly World News* to their Royal Press Secretary, cheerleader Lisa Coburn.

"I, like, assure you that this is no joke," stated Coburn.

His Royal Highness Don and Her Royal Highness Lauri have put up a Web site and are soliciting additional subjects and funding. They have declared dominion over 10 acres of land comprising the school athletic field and an adjoining marsh. King Don is currently interviewing architects for construction of their castle, as well as artists to design coats-of-arms, stamps and currency.

Not everyone is taking the new country so seriously, though — especially Weippe High Principal Sheldon Stuckey.

"I'm getting several of our family members together to do an intervention," he said.

Unfortunately, the royal couple got wind of Stuckey's plan, and, according to Coburn, "He has been taken into custody and placed inside a locker."

Assistant Principal Helen Garfield is now acting principal and is working to secure his release. With over 1,000 lockers, and hall monitors preventing access, freeing him by force is not an option.

"Unfortunately, there is no one with whom we can negotiate at present," she said. "Lauri's brother, Ambassador Ron Fraser, is in an out-of-state reform school and currently unavailable."

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BICE-ICLES!

ARCTIC, Canada — With global warming spreading the wild life — so to speak — the Eskimos' icy lifestyle will soon be a thing of the past. To prepare for that day, Eskimos are exchanging dogs and sleds for a more practical form of transportation.

"We call them Bice-icles," company spokesman, Sid Turnover told *Weekly World News*. "It's similar to a normal bike, but instead of wheels it has mini-skis with treads. During the long, warmer Arctic summer day, the bike's mini-skis are replaced with spiked tires. These make bikes more maneuverable when they hit pockets of ice or frozen turf.

"By the time all the snow up here is gone for good, the Eskimos will all be off-ice (bicycles)!

"And for those new kids on the ice block, we've got training treads," Turnover said.

Turnover has also taught the Eskimos how to put baseball cards in the spokes.

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SUMMONED TO INVESTIGATE CRIES OF PAIN IN — THE HUNTER OF HELL SPAWN FINDS...

BAT BOY IN THE BELFRY!

By [redacted]

NEW YORK — Matthew Daemon, SOS (Seeker of Obscure Supernaturals) was taking an evening meal break from his super-computerized World Weird Network when the phone rang. It was the black phone, the one reserved for local catastrophes.

"This is Father Moynihan over at Riverside Church," the scared voice said. "Do you think you have time to pay us a visit?"

An elusive creature of the night, but one was ultimately captured and escaped in true

"A problem, Father?"

"During mass this morning we heard, well, sounds."

"What kind of sounds?"

"I'm not certain," the nervous clergyman admitted. "They come from up in the belfry. Squeals of pain, I think."

"I'm on my way," Daemon said, with a good idea what was happening. One of the functions of the World Weird Network computer was to keep track of known monsters and oddities. One had been tracked moving closer and closer to New York.

Daemon hung up the phone and listened to an audio recording on the computer. Then he went into the large storeroom where he kept his supplies. Emerging with a stuffed animal, a flare and a large glass jar tucked in his backpack, the Monarch of Monsters left his lair deep beneath Grant's Tomb and grabbed a subway to Morningside Heights.

Once he hit the street, Daemon stopped at Morningside Park and scooped up a variety of crawling insects from near a sand puddle and stuck them in the jar. Then he headed over to the church, surprised to see two vans from local television networks already in position. Hustling past the reporters, who were still adjusting their makeup, the Prince of the Fantastic went straight into the church.

Moynihan — pudgy and balding, sweat dripping profusely from his brow — shook Daemon's hand and led him to the stairs leading up to the darkened belfry. As they walked, Daemon's keen hearing detected the squeals which confirmed for him that whatever it was, it wasn't human.

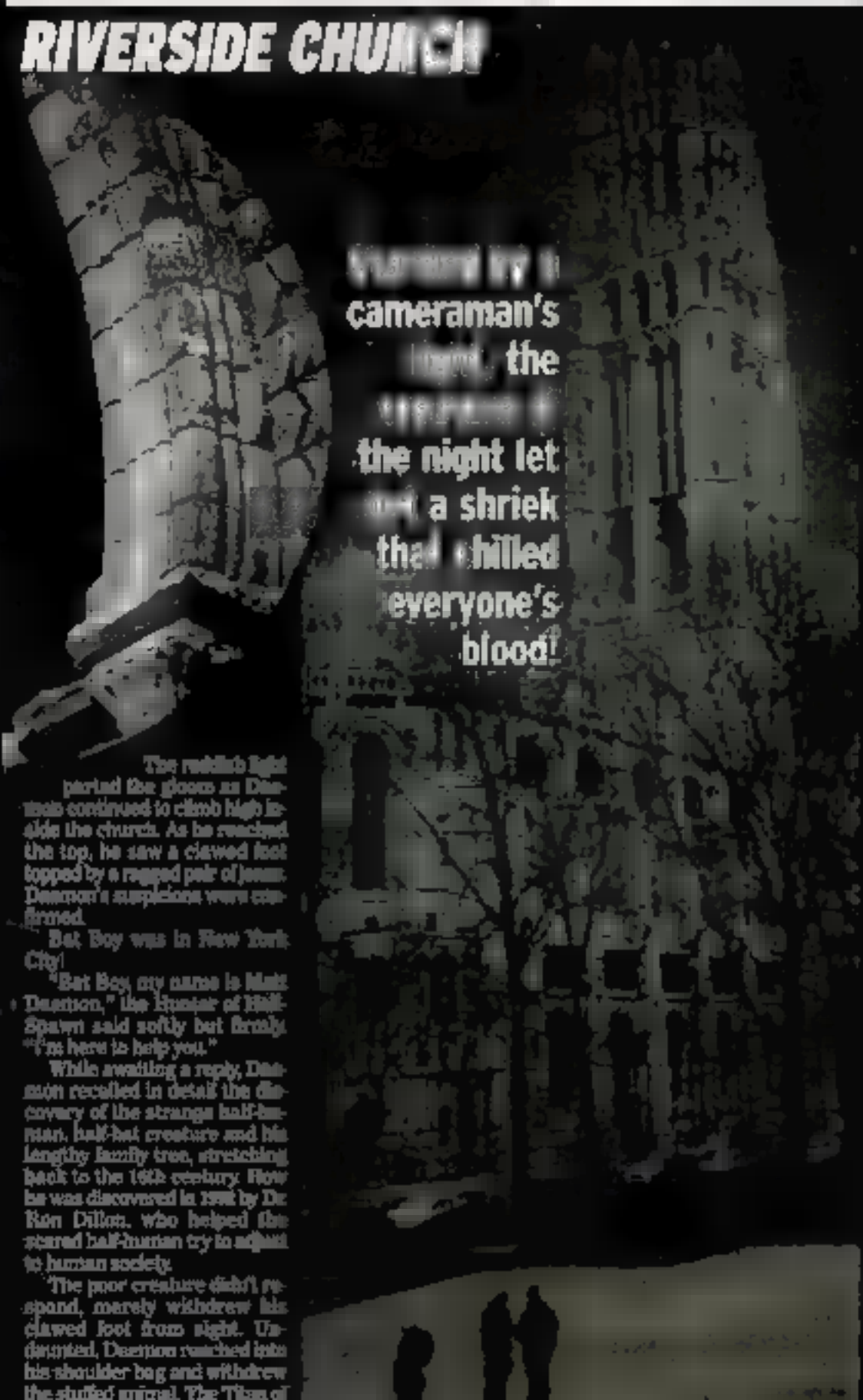
"What are you going to do, my son?" the holy man asked while they crossed the church and went outside.

"First, figure out what it is and then what it wants," Daemon replied. "Then I'll know what needs doing."

"I'll leave you be," the priest said, pointing to the stairs and crossing himself in prayer.

"Good idea," the Bladder of Reapers replied, and he walked to the belfry tower. As he entered the shadowy shaft leading to the belfry, Daemon heard whimpers and scratching against the belfry's ceiling. They matched the recordings in his computer. He was certain, now, what his quarry was. Carefully he slipped out the flare, ig-

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



The reddish light parted the gloom as Daemon continued to climb high inside the church. As he reached the top, he saw a clawed foot topped by a ragged pair of jeans. Daemon's suspicions were confirmed.

Bat Boy was in New York City!

"Bat Boy, my name is Matt Daemon," the Hunter of Half-Spawn said softly but firmly. "I'm here to help you."

While awaiting a reply, Daemon recalled in detail the discovery of the strange half-human, half-bat creature and his lengthy family tree, stretching back to the 16th century. How he was discovered in rural by Dr. Ron Dillon, who helped the scared half-human try to adjust to human society.

The poor creature didn't respond, merely withdrew his clawed foot from sight. Undaunted, Daemon reached into his shoulder bag and withdrew the stuffed animal. The Thing of Bat Boy's heightened eyesight would be able to see and not resist the toy. After a moment Daemon climbed down slowly, placing the stuffed toy on a low rung, hoping to entice the lost and confused humanbeast from the belfry.

Upon reaching the base of the ladder, Daemon waited, listening. Sure enough, after a few minutes, he heard the sound of scampering. Bat Boy's clawed feet scratched against the ladder and the walls.

Daemon re-entered the church proper, where the Priest was concluding an interview for one of the TV stations. When they saw the Offender of the Occult, a reporter tried to rush forward. Daemon planted his feet and held up a hand, halting their progress.

"You wait there and be quiet," he ordered. Father Mayo-hian and the reporter both nodded and watched with interest.

Daemon took out the jar filled with insects. He opened the lid and placed it by the open doorway. He suspected their fluttering activity would further entice Bat Boy to leave the belfry and come into the church where he could be helped, herded or stopped.

The scraping sounds neared. After nearly a minute, a dark shape appeared framed in the doorway. Everyone heard a wet, smacking sound as a long tongue soured the nearest bugs. The small, spindly figure came closer. Daemon tensed, ready to deal with Bat Boy while he was distractedly snacking.

Just then, a bright light from the cameraman's unit swung around and filled the doorway. Bat Boy's shriek of horror chilled everyone's blood. While they stood frozen in place, Bat Boy leapt high into the air. One clawed foot grasped the lid, the other the jar, then slammed them together trapping the bugs. He flew around the church once and then crashed through a stained glass window and out into the city.

"I have to find him!" Daemon cried. But where would Bat Boy go next?

Weekly World Humor

Lester, a devoutly religious man, went to the zoo for the first time and was amazed to see the fulfillment of a biblical prophecy right before his eyes! In the lion cage, a lion was lying down with a lamb!

"How long has this been going on?" he asked the [illegible].

"A couple of years," the [illegible] replied. "How do you do it?"

"It's easy. Every morning, we put in a new lamb."

An English [illegible], a Russian, a North Korean and a New Yorker were walking down the street together when a reporter stopped them and said to them, "Excuse me. What do you think of the meat shortage?"

The English royal replied, "What's a shortage?"

The Russian said, "What's meat?"

The North Korean asked, "What's thinking?"

The New Yorker asked, "What's 'excuse me'?"

Q: What did the baby elephant get when the papa elephant [illegible]?
A: Out of the way.

"My girlfriend's mad at me," Dan told Tim glumly.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

"Hear you had a bit of [illegible] weather here t'other day," Barney said to Andy.

"We had a full-fledged hurricane."

"How strong was it?" asked Barney.

"Barn, it was so strong I saw a skunk let out the same smell four times in a row!"

"I asked [illegible] girl to ring her up last night, and she'd been ready for 15 minutes!"

"Do you believe in astrology?" Jackie asked Ben.

"Sure," Ben replied. "An [illegible] told me not to [illegible] in the month of January if I wanted to avoid trouble. And he was right!"

"What kind of astrologer was that?" Jackie said scornfully. "The same goes for all the other months of the year!"

"I've got an idea!" Les said to Sophie.

"Beginner's luck."

The newspaper editor was stranded on [illegible] Island and, as the cannibals approached, he wrote a message and tucked [illegible] his publisher in New York.

"The good news," he wrote, "is that I survived the shipwreck and I'm alive.

"The bad news," he continued, as the leader of the tribe arrived, "is I think I'm about to be [illegible] editor in chief."

The baggage [illegible] at Intercontinental Airlines were horrified when they unloaded a cage and found that the [illegible] was dead. The cat was a rare English [illegible] and, fearful of a [illegible], the airline president [illegible] the owner that the cat had been sent to France, but would be back within hours. Then he had a plane fly to Europe, locate another cat with the same markings, pay a big fortune for it, and return to the U.S.

After shipping the dead cat's jewel-encrusted collar on the new animal, the president himself brought it to the owner's door.

The woman's eyes went wide. "Why, that's not my Fluffy!" she cried.

The president's knees shook. "What makes you say that?"

"Because Fluffy died while we were on vacation. I was having her flown home for burial."

Efrem was walking his dog when he stopped at his friend's house.

"Sasha a dollar my dog's the smartest one in the world."

The friend was quiet, and after they'd both placed a dollar on the ground [illegible] the dog, "Bang! [illegible]"

The dog just stood [illegible].

"See?" said his friend. "Your dog's not so smart."

"That's baloney," said Efrem, scooping up the money. "He knows he's

The cab driver told his wife he had good news and bad news.

"The good news is that we've got money to burn. The bad news is it's cheaper than gas.

CALL OF THE WILD

NOVA SCOTIA, Canada – Inventor Hiis Potter has created a remarkable new listening device – one that allows him to eavesdrop on the hidden world around us.

"I may not be able to talk to the animals like Dr. Doolittle, but I can listen to them," Potter told Weekly World News. "My device translates animal sounds to human language."

Potter's device, known as a *Lingual Transmogrifier and Translator*, enables the listener to understand all animal speech, whether it is chicken, badger, bird or dog.

"I was actually looking to increase my cell phone's reception whenever I'm roaming," the scientist explained. "I had attached a mini-antenna and power booster when I began hearing voices which definitely weren't human.

"At first I thought I had tuned into an alternative rock station out of Vancouver, but when I saw a moose in front of me moving his lips I realized he was talking to me – or rather of me! He was complaining that my electronics were disturbing his ears."

The inventor returned home and fine-tuned the device with the help of his pet iguana Irwin.

"I'm not sure I actually want to market the LTT," Potter added. "If people ever found out what animals really have to say about us they'd be appalled.

"Perhaps it's best to think of those delightful bird twitters as songs instead of coordinates to drop zones, if you get my meaning."

– Dick Sloan

POETS

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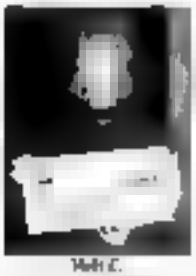

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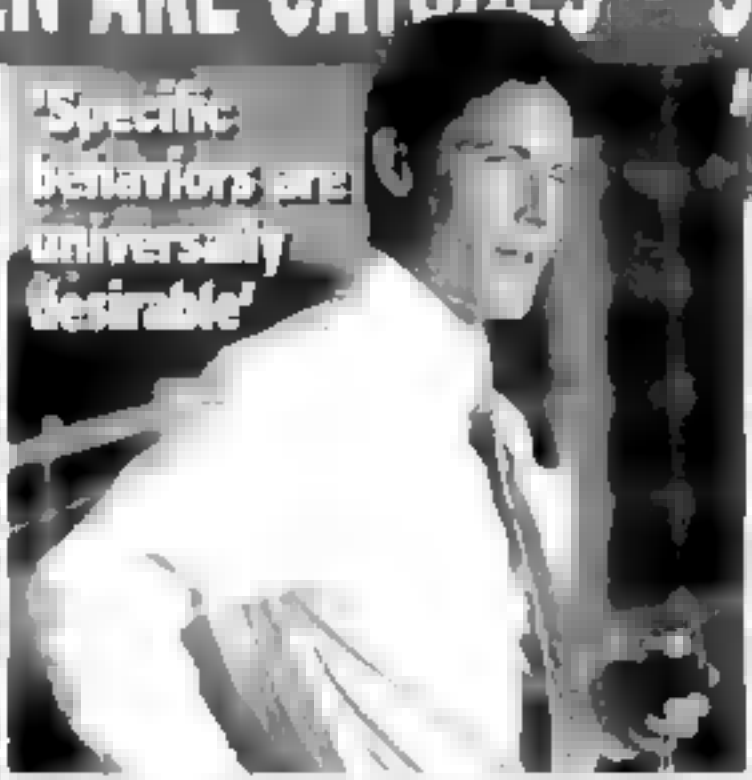
SOME MEN ARE CATCHES – SOME ARE 'THROWS'

By JONATHAN PITZ

MANHATTAN, N.Y. — The American Romance Foundation has just completed a [illegible]onth study to quantify an ages-old question: What exactly makes a man 'a catch'?

"There [illegible] specific behaviors that [illegible] universally desirable," said ARF director Stewart Philmaly. "Conversely, we have [illegible] determined certain traits that make a man what we call 'a throw'."

The comprehensive ARF list of [illegible] traits will be published in May. *Weekly World News* is pleased to present these advance excerpts:



Entering a restaurant, a catch pulls out a woman's chair [illegible] a [illegible]. A throw [illegible] [illegible] first bite [illegible] while standing and holds it in his mouth as he drapes his jacket over the back of the chair.

During dinner, a catch listens attentively to a woman. A throw enters REM sleep when she's talking... and talking and talking.

After dinner, a catch picks up the dinner check. A throw takes out his [illegible]

Leaving a [illegible]urant, a catch helps a woman on with her coat. A throw asks her to get the coats from checkout while he goes to the bathroom.

Exiting a [illegible], a catch opens the door for a woman. A throw rushes past someone who has opened the door to enter, and expects the woman will follow him out.

A catch is in no rush to have sex. A throw carries a single cigarette in his pocket, which he places on the lady's night table.

A catch likes to cuddle after lovemaking. A throw doesn't remove [illegible] [illegible]cks because it'll [illegible]ake one [illegible]ng to put back on.

A catch likes to [illegible]. A throw thinks it's enough to [illegible] the Discovery Channel in hi-def.

A catch is never jealous. A throw gets annoyed because she [illegible] [illegible] male anchor is 'cute,' and [illegible]ts on asking [illegible] she thinks of the female anchor.

"Our study has also shown that a majority of men are neither catches, nor throws, but somewhere in the [illegible]dle," said Philmaly. "We will be compiling a list of these so-called 'punts' in the near future."

WOMAN SUES COMPUTER STORE FOR SELLING HER [illegible]LASS WINDOWS!

By MARK MILLER

ASHWAUBENON, Wis. — When Marcia Salvary responded to Save U Bucks Computer Stores ad for Windows, she was convinced she had located a real bargain. [illegible] $50, the Save U Bucks price was approximately half that of most other places offering Microsoft Windows.

"So you can imagine my disappointment," said Salvary, "when the shipment was delivered and I opened it to find actual [illegible] windows!"

Salvary called the Save U Bucks Customer Service Department to complain, but they told her they would not refund her money.

"They said, 'You ordered windows and we sent you windows,' " she recalled.

As a result, Salvary is suing the computer store for fraud and false advertising.

"The windows they sent weren't even that nice," she added. "They plainly had been used for years and the frames were a nauseating pea-green color."

A *Weekly World News* investigation revealed that Save U Bucks has gotten into trouble for false advertising. In 1998, they were sued for selling a businessman a keyboard consisting of a plank with a key glued to it. In 2003, they were taken to court for selling a customer a live mouse. And just last year, a customer sued for a faster chip stuck for having received a Pringle inside a tiny windup car.

Salvary is confident the law will see things her way.

"If not, I've decided to trade in my PC and switch to Apple. I don't foresee any

WWN ARTS SECTION

BOOK REVIEW:

THE SOUND OF MAGIC!

LOS ANGELES — Gilmon Walters' new book The [illegible] magic chron[illegible]e amazing, true life exploits [illegible] the [illegible] family of [illegible] for their

Read[illegible]

By DICK SIEGEL

[illegible]n Germany, the Na[illegible]Hitler became [illegible] part[illegible] said Walt[illegible]. "He was determ[illegible] control the dark powers to assure victory. He [illegible] sought the [illegible] naturally inclined.' [illegible] meant it[illegible]

"Manfred was a [illegible] called Hitler."

[illegible] to arrest them at their mountain chalet in the Austrian Alps.

[illegible]y, Manfred surrendered offered the [illegible]ting officers a rare treat. The magical duo, would put on a special performance for their captors.

"The soldiers eagerly accepted [illegible]n stage, Manfred introduced his [illegible]mation with Dreadslide and their seven children.

"He then whistled with a tune known as the Ancient Magick Tongue and sealed his wife and children inside. Manfred said a few magic words and with [illegible] spoke, the doors door popped open revealing — an empty box!

"Realizing they had been duped, the soldiers rushed the stage.

In the confusion, Manfred disappeared through a trap door and rejoined his loved ones under the stage. The family escaped, protected by three Norse goddesses prayed-to by his wife. With the [illegible] Larry [illegible] London.

[illegible] these Norse [illegible]-son [illegible]-perica."

The [illegible] family and [illegible]

They settled in Cult [illegible] where they [illegible] featured their life

"[illegible]ly, they were bought movie studio," Walters said. "It [illegible] filmmakers didn't want any competition for their own magic kingdom."

[illegible] named appropriately to Mystic, Conn., on the Long Island Sound.

[illegible] writes in a [illegible] style [illegible] ing firsthand reflections by the [illegible] dren.

WORLD'S ODDEST AUTHORS!

By [illegible] STEWART

MANHATTAN, N.Y. – Five years ago, author Cliff Hanga was browsing through the self-help section of a Soho bookstore when he noticed an amazing phenomenon.

"I was looking at a book called *Are you Depressed?*," said Hanga. "I was about to put it down when I noticed that the author's name was Ima Sadman. It struck me as funny, but I thought nothing of it. Then I noticed another book in the gaming section called [illegible]

Pott. I wondered how many other books were written by authors with eerily appropriate names."

Hanga began taking notes as he visited bookstores around the world and has provided *Weekly World News* with a list of the books he has found:

● *Bungee Jumping* by Hugo Furst

● *Home Repairs* by D. Rufus Lastery

[illegible]

B.U. Upkidde

● *Don't Fall Off The Roof* by Ellen Dover

Len Day Hand

● *Going to Church* by Neil Down

● *Fat-Free Breakfasts* by Lana Bayconne

● *Quick Lunches* by Sand A. Widge

"Maybe it's just a coincidence," said Hanga. "Or perhaps these authors were subconsciously compelled to write books on these subjects."

Hanga doesn't know, but intends to look into it further after he finishes his suspense

THE GAYEST AMERICAN HERO!

T.H.E. MISS ADVENTURE AND ADVENT

By DREW SULLIVAN

DAWN, Fla. — Kevin Andrews, famed as Miss Adventure, the World's Gayest Hero, thought it would never happen, but the tragic day had finally arrived. He was beginning to look his age! So when the battered envelope arrived containing the De Leon Code, it was manna from heaven.

"Not just any manna," Andrews told *Weekly World News*, "but the most desirable manna you can imagine!"

The parcel was sent by a devoted *Weekly World News* reader who wanted to help his hero. The letter accompanying the ancient document explained that the message, written by Juan Ponce de Leon in the year 1513, [illegible] — by those clever enough to break [illegible] — the location of the [illegible] Fountain of Youth.

The letter further suggested that the Fountain would be found in one [illegible] cities in modern-day Florida: Tony, Orlando or Dawn.

Andrews and his devoted friend and mentor, Danny "Dee Dee" Romano, immediately packed up their mobile home and hit the road to the Sunshine State. During the lengthy drive,

TWIN CITY

[illegible] — Located on the small

city boasts a rather unique population — all 446 residents are twins!

years, every birth in Dual has been twofold," Mayor [illegible] said. "Naturally [illegible] but most interesting is that while [illegible] identical!"

Mayor Drake's fraternal twin brother, Ludwig, said, "Both mayor and [illegible] Scientists

Dual City to the Antarctic volcanic chain may have something to do with the unique

permeate the air and rare minerals fill our drinking water," said Drake. "We're [illegible] tea by the quartz."

Whatever the cause, the citizens are happy.

"We have our spats, but never anything serious," said the mayor.

[illegible] this difficult to believe, but in over a century not one citizen has died in a duel!"

SODA FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

URE

Miss Adventure strove to decipher the single sentence that was the De Leon Code:

The Fountain will be found beneath a Big Double-U.

"I tried every secret code and cryptogram I'd ever seen in the movies or on a cereal box," Andrews confessed. "I advanced each individual letter so that 'a' became 'b,' 'b' became 'c,' and so on, but 'Uif Gpvoubjo xjmm cf gpvoe' didn't make much sense — although I'd once said it during a visit to my dentist, and once on a date."

Dee Dee, meanwhile — ever the optimist — was making plans to market the youth-giving elixir to every retirement home in Florida.

Just as they crossed the border into the Sunshine State, Andrews was struck by inspiration. 'The secret of the De Leon Code was that there wasn't any code' The message meant exactly what it said'

Andrews and Romano spent the next week searching Tony, Orlando and Dawn with a fine-tooth comb, examining every nook and cranny for the Big Double-U marking the Fountain of Youth. Finally, on the seventh day they decided to take a break and spend the afternoon frolicking in Dawn's spectacular new amusement park, Whippet World. Not discouraged were Miss Adventure and Dee Dee that they failed to notice the obvious: At Whippet World, he was surrounded by the park's trademark — a Big Double-U.

"The park was packed, so Dee Dee and I made our way to an old-time soda fountain nestled under the largest of the biggest Double-U's," Andrews explained. "That place was jammed, too, but we finally chatted with a man in leather chaps. I noticed something. Grown men were entering the building. The only young women were exiting."

While Andrews tried to figure out what was happening, Dee Dee's new friend Kenny ordered a lemonade, downed the glass, and instantly lost 30 pounds 17 years.

"That's when dawned in Dawn: The soda fountain had been built over the Fountain of Youth! Anyone drinking the lemonade instantly grew younger"

"The code jacketed us to come to this point," Andrews continued. "Dee Dee and I both ordered lemonade. As Kenny slipped away to join the others, we looked at the glasses and wondered if we dared.

"We did, and brought the tall, cold glasses to our lips."

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TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK!

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

By MICHAEL ROTH

1848 Sugar Rush

BEFORE the California Gold Rush in 1848, there was another frenzied migration of prospectors looking to strike it rich. However, they weren't looking for gold.

"Sugarcane was scarce in America during that time," said American historian Robert Walsh. "It was mostly grown in the South, which was exporting it to Europe for big profits. However, when large deposits of crystallised sugar were found in the mountains near Colome, Calif., the Sugar Rush began."

Thousands of workers traveled to California, seeking sugar. While some of them made their fortunes, others were not so fortunate.

"Sugar wasn't like gold," said Walsh. "A prospector could obtain 100 pounds of sugar compared to just two ounces of gold if he were going to make any real money. Hence, only the men with means of transportation such as carts or rail access could move and sell that much sugar. Unfortunately, most of the sugar prospectors could only take what they could carry. And half of that ended up being used in their coffee on the trip back."

The failed prospectors were probably luckier than they realised, however.

"Records indicate that most of the successful prospectors overindulged in their sugar supply," said Walsh. "They all became pumpy and obese. Most died from heart failure or in gunfights within three or four years."

1910 Tavern serves spirits only!

A NEW YORK tavern called The Night Afterlife was opened by famous medium Paul Dorne, and catered to a very specific customer.

"It was a bar for ghosts," said Weekly World News' own Madame Melba, granddaughter of Paul Dorne. "My grandfather spent his entire life contacting the dead and he got to know them really well. He felt that dead people were a lot more pleasant than living people. They weren't grumpy or [illegible] they told more interesting stories. So when he opened his tavern, he decided to only serve spirits – as it were."

The drinks were all ghost-themed: The Banshee Blast, the Vodka Catatonic, the Spectre Sour and many others.

"The most popular was a cognac called VSOPAAD – Very Special Old Pale As A Ghost," Melba recalled.

A special mop-boy was always on hand, since the beverages simply passed through the ghosts and splashed on the floor or bar stools.

The Night Afterlife tavern was the most respected, orderly bar in the city.

"The police never had to break up any brawls," said Melba. "Besides, if two ghosts did get into a fight, they never broke anything. They simply passed through all the furniture. And if a ghost got drunk and became ill, my grandfather didn't have to worry about cleaning up after him."

OUT OF THIS WORD SEARCH!

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HOW TO PLAY

Look up, down, backward, forward and sideways – in all directions – to find all the "undead" words and topics in the list below.

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DEAD
DRACULA
FLYING
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FRANKEN-STEIN
GHOST
GHOUL
GRIM REAPER
HAITI
HELL
IGOR
[redacted]
LIVING DEAD
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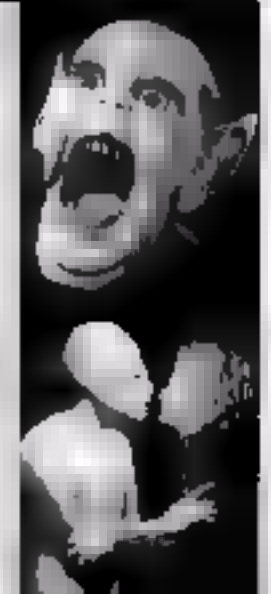


KING OF THE JUNGLE NO MORE!

LIONS DEPOSED

MELLAWA, Zimbabwe — During a research expedition in the hot veldts of [redacted] preserve, zoologist George Hammond came upon a shocking sight.

"It was a pride of injured lions strewn across the plains," said Hammond. "Seven of them, male and female. I didn't think they were injured by humans. There were no bullet wounds. Plus, there were big, muddy footprints on their sides."

The next day, five [redacted] north near the Inyanga Mountains. Hammond found a similar scene.

"The entrance to a denwas blocked by a pile of unconscious lions," said Hammond. "Something incredibly powerful had stacked them there. It looked almost like a message."

The mystery was soon cleared up one mile south of Lake Kariba, where Hammond took shelter behind a boulder and watched as another group of lions were being [redacted] around — by elephants.

"It was a rout," he said. "Three full-grown elephants rushed a pride of eight lions. The first four cats were knocked aside in the first seconds of the charge. The elephants tossed two more over a ridge with their trunks. The last two lions pounced on one of the elephants, who simply fell to the ground and rolled on top of them, squashing them. I could hear their ribs [redacted]. I would have been impressed if I weren't so scared."

Afterward, the elephants trudged off through the grass, trumpeting their victory. It was

"I believe that elephants are in the process of deposing lions as the Kings of the Jungle," said Hammond, "and it actually makes sense. Elephants are larger and more powerful than lions. They have better memory. It took a long time, but I guess they've finally realized their proper place in the jungle [redacted]."

Hammond e-mailed colleagues in Kenya and Namibia, and they reported the same circumstances.

"This coup d'etat is clearly encompassing all of Africa," said Hammond. "It's a zoologist's dream, though I have to [redacted] carefully. I don't want to find myself trapped in an elephant's den."

LAPLAND DANCING

WHITEY FALLS, Lapland — Here at this teeming city just below the Arctic Circle, Laplanders have discovered a novel way to keep warm during the long winter months. They Lapp dance!

"For many, the winter means shucking whale blubber and running reps. But with the advent of the new club, *The Northern Lights*, we can cut the rug too," owner and dance instructor Horst Viekstokk told [redacted]

ballroom/disco/buffet, *The Northern Lights* is a refurbished trans-steamer permanently embedded in a glacier. Equipped with two full dance floors, one for a traditional ballroom, the other for modern techno-funk, the club was a lifelong dream of Viekstokk's.

"I love music but didn't know how to dance myself until I studied old movie musicals during the long, dark, winter nights. Now I

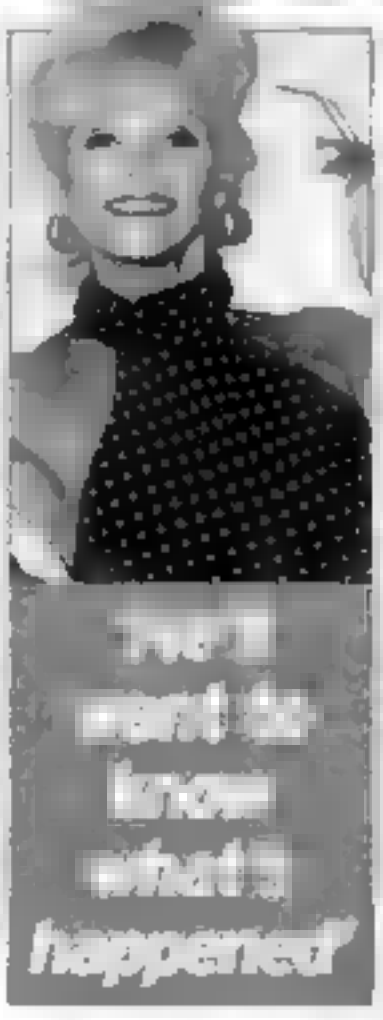
away with the finesse of Astaire and Rogers, the Nicolas Brothers and John Travolta.

"Next week I'm bringing in an instructor from Warsaw," Viekstokk smiled. "She will give Pole dancing a whole new meaning!"

SHOULD I TELL MY LONG-DISTANCE LOVE THAT I'M PREGNANT?

HI, DOLLY: My best friend lives in England and [redacted] cently came to Canada to visit me. We were drinking and one thing [redacted] to another and [redacted] I'm pregnant. He is back in England and I don't know if I should tell him that the baby I'm hav[redacted] is his. He is in university and I don't want anything to ruin his life goals. What should I do? — J in Canada

Dear J: Sugar, what about your life goals? I know [redacted] women who've brought up children by themselves, but it ain't easy financially or in other ways as well. (And that's if, Lord willing, you have a healthy child!) If your baby's dad is your friend, he'll want to know what's happened and he's goin' to want to help you. And if he's in university, he [redacted] stupid. He's goin' to know this needs to be talked out. So you better tell him right away and figger out together what to do.



[redacted] wife and I are ready to end it

Hi, Dolly: My wife and I fight all the time. I almost walked out a few nights ago but didn't because of our children. We have a girl and a boy, ages 5 and 3. What do you think is better for kids — if parents separate and the children alternate between two households, or if they stay together even if there's a lot of tension in the house? — Harvey in Westvale

Dear Harvey: Either one's like totalin' through a swamp — no way to come out clean. But between the two, I'd go for two peaceful households. Growin' up with constant tension can make kids fearful and sad, with no idea of what true lovin' means. If you and your [redacted] separate, maybe you'll both find partners who can make you happy and your kids will be happier, too.

[redacted] I deal with a messy [redacted]

Hi, Dolly: My roommate is a complete [redacted]. She leaves dirty dishes in the sink, scum [redacted] in the [redacted] tub, drug[redacted] theftable and piles of newspapers and magazines everywhere! I can't find a place to sit down without moving something she's left on a chair or on the couch. She's never emptied the garbage in the [redacted] months we've lived together. The apartment lease is in both our names and we have another half a year to go — if I can take it that long! Help! — Janice in Birmingham

Dear Janice: Talkin' on a roommate is a little like gettin' married. It's best to discuss a few things from the git-go. Cleanliness standards are [redacted] of them. [redacted] can try havin' a talk with your roommate. She'll probably apologize and promise to change, but that may last a day or two if you're lucky. 'Pigs is pigs,' as my daddy used to say. [redacted] best bet would be to split the cost of some cleanin' help once a week. If she says she can't [redacted] it, tell her [redacted] doesn't have a choice.

My friend [redacted] money on psychics

Hi, Dolly: One of my friends spends hundreds of dollars a month on psychics. She sees a tarot [redacted] reader every [redacted] plus she gets her fortune told on-line every week, sometimes by a couple of different people. She doesn't earn a lot, so this [redacted] money [redacted] needs to buy clothes and food and stuff. Should I tell her I think she's nuts to [redacted] doing this? — Sarah [redacted] Grand Rapids

Dear Sarah: Not if [redacted] want her to keep talkin' to you — though you might ask her, in a ladylike way, how many of them predictions are turnin' out like she was told. Consultin' a lot of readers is [redacted] pittin' yer hair out by a bunch o' people at once. If they're all puttin' and both

Hi, Dolly!

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[illegible] things up, pretty soon you'll be bald. Also, not everyone is like our own Madame Mulisa. There's a lot of fakes out there. Ask her to get you a good stock market tip — somethin' a phony can't and won't do. Maybe that'll help to focus your girlfriend's attention.

I just found [illegible] hubby is [illegible]

[illegible] Dolly: I've been married to a sweet, wonderful man for four years and just found out that he is gay. Someone I work with saw him in a bar holding hands with another man. We have a 2-year-old child. He [illegible] know what to do. — Brenda in Jessup

Dear Brenda: First thing you gotta do is let your hubby know that you [illegible] know and see what he says. [illegible] goin' to [illegible] time to sort this out, sugar. If the two of you love each [illegible] it may [illegible] possible for you to [illegible] your [illegible]. It may [illegible] that he doesn't [illegible] know how he feels or [illegible] he wants. Maybe you [illegible] a good therapist) can help him through [illegible] is a very, very difficult struggle. Above all, don't blame yerself for this. Him goin' with a man isn't because there's anything wrong with you — or him, either, for that matter. It just takes [illegible] to know the truth about themselves.

Have you ever gotten revenge?

Hi, Dolly: Have you ever been so mad at someone that you wanted to get revenge on them? If so, did you? — Stu in Jackson

Dear Stu: Oh, yeah. I've been that mad many times. (Are you listening, my 'dear' exes?) The trouble with revenge is that you tend to shoot wild and mad and you can get hit by a ricochet. Best to take some yoga classes and learn to let things go. Sooner or later, [illegible] than-skunk people get what they deserve.

My grandsons fight [illegible] the [illegible]

Hi, Dolly: I have two grandsons, 8 and 5, and they're always fighting with each other. The big one [illegible] the little one till he gets so mad he [illegible] the big one. Then the big one hits back, sometimes with sticks, or whatever else he can get [illegible] on. My son and his wife don't do anything about this unless one of the boys gets cut or badly bruised, which has happened a few times. Am I right to be worried about this, or is [illegible] just the way little boys behave? — Katy in Wayne

Dear Katy: I've seen plenty of bad barnyard behavior, including piglets squabblin' for their mama's milk and lambs trippin' at each other's wool. It's natural for animals. But it should be bred outta humans. Siblings are gonna fight now and then, but you're describin' animosity that can leave deep scars. Those boys need a steady and patient hand to teach them how to settle their spats without beatin' each other up. If it ain't comin' from their ma and pa, then it should come from you. (And be sure to reward good behavior as only a grandparent can.)

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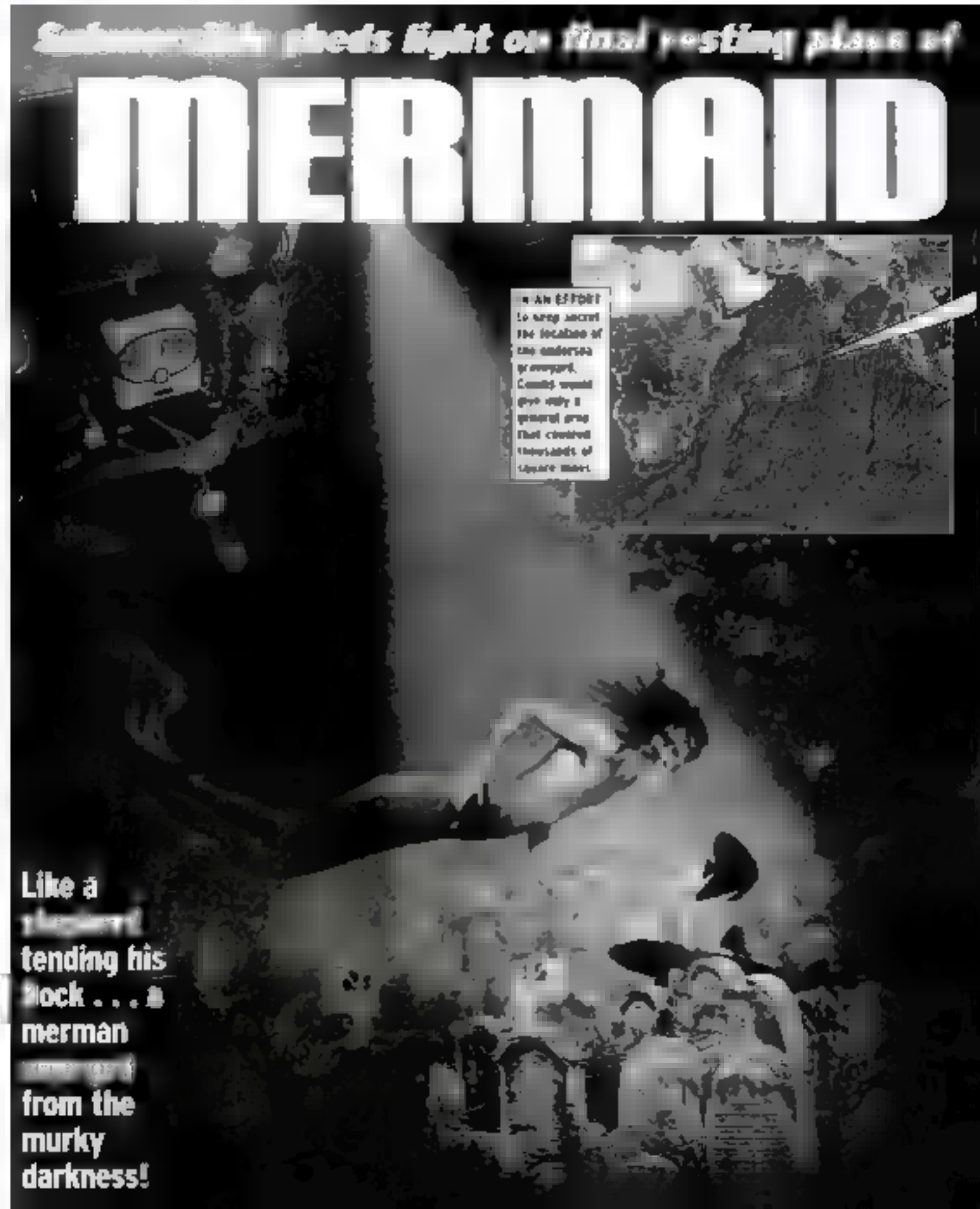
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CEMETERY DISCOVERED!

Rising from the seabed in the dark abyss of the Indian Ocean, tombstones lay in eerie silence as far as the eye could see!

[illegible] — While researching sea turbulence to photograph tube worm colonies from his submersible, oceanographer Stephen Combs came across a mysterious collection of stone structures lining the ocean floor.

"From 100 meters away it looked like carefully arranged boulders, like a mini-Stonehenge," said Combs. "As I got closer I realized exactly what it was."

Combs had discovered an underwater cemetery.

"At first I naturally assumed it was an ancient burial ground that had been swallowed by the ocean," said Combs. "The inscriptions on the headstones were in easy-to-understand hieroglyphics. As I read them, the truth they revealed was far more amazing."

The first tombstone read, *Here lies Marleen, 1892-1922. Killed in a duel with a swordfish.*

"Incredibly, this was a mer-cemetery," said Combs. "For more than two centuries, mermen and mermaids had buried their loved ones here."

Combs carefully piloted his sub-

Stephen Combs

mersible through the graveyard, reading more of the inscriptions through the floating silt.

Here rests Algera, 1841-1974. Caught in a fishing net.

Here lies Atholoi, 1877-1960. Beloved father. Died from breathing oil.

In blessed repose is the body of Heliosa, 1900-1970. Harpooned while protecting a whale.

Portion, 1878-1960. Seaweed smoker. Succumbed to pill cancer. R.I.P.

Combs had to stifle the urge to exhume one of the bodies for scientific study.

"This was an astonishing find," he said. "But it would've been immoral to desecrate those graves. I also felt terrible that many of these deaths were caused by human activity."

Suddenly Combs saw figures slowly swimming toward him through the murk.

"It was a group of mermen carrying a coffin made from seaweed," said Combs. "The elderly man in front glared at me menacingly with dark, purposeful eyes. I backed away as quietly as possible and surfaced. I don't think I'll return.

"Confronting dangers under the sea is one thing," Combs said. "Confronting a dangerous under

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33 Meal
35 Stride with confidence
36 Hot desert wind
37 Parisian tower
38 Queasy feeling
41 Opera solos
43 Journalist Jacob
45 Flying pest
46 Canine malady
47 Heavenly hunter
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54 It may be clear
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61 "The — of the Rings"
64 Himalayan sightings
66 Lay out funds
68 Animosity
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72 Stable mom
74 Shoestrings
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77 "— in Sierra"
78 Make up for
79 Conductor's wand
80 Large amounts
81 Swings in the crops
84 Swimming pool lengths
85 Come as you — party
86 High-water boot
88 Craze
89 Ocean motion
90 Lair of often
91 Rich cake
92 Port on the Black Sea
94 Weaving machine
95 Bore holes
96 Leave your seats place
99 Bear, colloquially
100 Rule over
104 Kingly
106 Not even once
108 Steeped beverage
111 Quiver item
113 Cleaning compound
114 West of Hollywood
118 Risque
119 Architectural piece
120 Pester, bother
121 Artist Chagall
122 Typos
124 Spheres
128 Bloody
127 Term of endearment
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131 Tress holder
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133 Near
134 "War — hell"
135 Kind of change
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145 Treat badly
147 Made mad
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149 Sports buildings
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151 Tees off
154 Soak
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158 Greek goddess
159 Nerve in a pod
162 Having less moisture
163 Crimson
164 Sailor's pants
167 Passover meal
169 Baby's bed
171 Pain in the neck
173 Guardian's charge
176 Jaws of Lebanon
179 Modeling material
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183 Pedaled vehicles
185 Stuff of statues
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190 Something to wage
191 Praises highly
192 Get even
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195 Ogle
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212 Head of Hell
213 Give the impression
215 Snake sound
216 Copper coin
217 Hasten Gertie
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221 Speak publicly
223 Bacon portage
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227 Lustful looks
229 Get with the program
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4 High card
5 Salad fish
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7 Lobe accompanist
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9 "— the season"
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16 Soap operas, e.g.
18 Word with maiden or piddle
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28 Listen here
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40 Route from soup
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44 Daytime TV fare
45 Sign on a washroom door
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51 Repose
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54 Black and blue
55 Ready for business
57 Surprise cries
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65 Title documents
66 Bleacher features
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69 Send abroad
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74 Hail
75 Estate house
77 Wander
79 Takes an oath
81 It makes bundles
82 Tiny veggie
83 Take hold of
86 War injury
87 Put herb and tree together
90 Russian rulers
93 Mirroring agents
95 Takes it easy
97 "— Breckenridge"
101 Indy cars
102 Steamed
103 Made more efficient
105 Railroad engines
106 Busybodies
107 Stepped on the brake
109 British noblemen
110 The Parthenon is here
112 Finish line
113 Comedienne Rossanne
114 Tenderizing sauces
115 Seed coating
117 Over there
118 Scratches
120 Used a crane
121 Disfigure
123 Gives counsel
125 Satisfied fully
126 Puts on pounds
128 Spin out
136 Spread in a tub
137 Dry lightly
139 Greek goo
141 Bunch of buffalo
143 Sacrifice hit
144 Ruffle one's feathers
146 Nosed out
148 Destroy, as documents
152 Movie spool
153 Deduct
155 Brother's daughter
156 Formally withdraw
160 Pugilist's weapons
161 Classes with a bang
164 Synthetic fiber
165 Tootsie item
166 Powerful chess pieces
168 Brought down the house
169 Clears things up
170 Talks wildly
171 VCR button
172 Terminals
174 Word with trap or race
175 Legs behind
177 Religious ceremonies
178 Winch
179 Voucher
181 Pass, as time
182 Telephones
183 Swan or swallow
184 Aromatic herb
186 Staff of Life
187 Legume
189 Sports company
192 Comb parts
194 To the palm
197 Native of Mogadishu
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199 Discharge
200 Thickheaded
201 Madras monkey
203 Stakhanovite spec
204 Computer key
206 Put on a happy face
209 Elevation marker
211 People who knead people
214 Not native
216 Lunar depressions
218 Rap sessions?
220 Gives the okay
222 Mouse or mole
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MEDICAL UPDATE:

SCIENTIST SEEKS TO ELIMINATE YOUR BODY'S USELESS PARTS!

By MARK MILLER

TALOPOPO, Guam — While athletes work hard to develop parts of their bodies that serve definite purposes, a genetics expert is hard at work to eliminate body parts that [illegible] no purpose!

"These parts are [illegible] outcasts" said Dr Mefutosi Kailani, senior researcher at the University of Guam Evolutionary Biology Department. "Their original function was lost during evolution, thereby rendering them useless. They're just [illegible] up valuable [illegible] be made available for more useful body parts and organs. I mean, wouldn't you rather have more intestinal fortitude instead of an appendix? I know I would."

Appendix, tailbone & goosebumps have got to go – you'll be [illegible], says doc!

Through sophisticated, state-of-the-art reverse-fertilization techniques, Kailani's team is working round-the-clock to eliminate such needless body parts as the coccyx.

"Commonly referred to as the tailbone, it's the [illegible] segment of the spine and is really a remnant of a lost tail," Kailani said. "We've already successfully removed the tail from a litter of mice. Now we're working on the human tailbone. Once we've perfected the procedure, we'll be able to remove it from human fetuses in the womb. Then, when they're born, they won't have to worry about falling on the ice and land on our butts.

"We're also working to get rid of the funny bone, which isn't a bone at all. It's a nerve. You get a 'funny' feeling when it hits something hard. My team has perfected a painless procedure, which loosens this nerve using a special tuning fork. After that, you can smash it with a hammer and it no longer tickles."

Something else that has to go, according to Kailani, are goosebumps.

"Their formation under stress is another vestigial reflex," he said. "Their purpose in our evolutionary ancestors was to raise hair and make the individual appear bigger and scare off enemies. Now, they just make us cold."

Within the next few months, the scientist hopes to have some exciting news about a goosebump-free baby girl as well as a nipple-free baby boy.

As to whether any additional human body parts are likely to become useless, Dr. Kailani had just one prediction.

"If we keep watching more and more reality TV shows, I'm

SPYCAT
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YAHH!
NO, SPYKITTEN! FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE OVER HERE FIGHTING FOR!
BM-BOOM!
OK, SPYCAT. I HAVE SPOKEN.
THE NEW ADVENTURES...
by dennis calero
I KNEW we'd find you here Bat Boy
Oh but where are my manners? Allow me to introduce Watson, our food and beverage manager
Psst! The JANITORS CLOSET You HALF-BREEDS are so PREDICTABLE And yet, so
DELICIOUS
SCREEE!
Never fear, Bat Boy. Nobody will be eating You!
Your CLONES, however
-Along with our 200 of EXOTIC and ENDANGERED SPECIES clones
-will be processed into SUCCULENT ENTREES
Buddy Boy's BAT BURGERS will become our BIGGEST HIT
WHAM!
I've got your BIG HIT right here, Principal!

WEIRD PICTURE SEARCH

CAN you find 10 life preservers hidden in this illustration by renowned artist Sergio Aragonés? Check next week's issue for the answer key!

The Horse Sense

By Lester the Typing Horse

Even a stallion stumbles, he's not the author's lucky mount expert

How about a glass of red wine?

Dear Mr. Horse: I hear that one glass of red wine a day is good for us. What do you think?

— David Stern, Franklin, Mo.

Dear David: I think it's mostly propaganda. True, some studies show that wine may decrease certain types of [illegible] by removing cancer-causing free radicals (organic compounds that bind easily to others, causing them to malfunction). But alcohol still [illegible] harmful effects on the body, whereas there are foods with those benefits that don't destroy brain cells and damage the liver. It reminds me of the claim that pizza is healthy because of the tomato sauce. People claim that alcohol helps them relax, but so does yoga — which is better for you. Bottom line: Wine may have healthful benefits, but you'll never have poor health because of an alcohol deficiency. And you can take that from the horse's mouth — which only drinks water and I feel fine, thank you very much!

What do you think of horseback riding?

Dear Mr. Horse: I was thinking of getting into horseback riding. Is it good exercise?

— Sara Jones, Olympia, Minn.

Dear Sara: Horseback riding is good exercise for you and for me! There is something called 'hippotherapy,' [illegible] comes from the Greek and means 'treatment with the help of a [illegible]' [illegible] goes trunk, arms, shoulders and head, which improves your posture and tones the arm and stomach muscles. This gives you more strength and flexibility, as well as better balance and coordination. Trotting and cantering on a horse increases respiration and circulation.

There are also psychological benefits such as greater self-confidence, learning patience and self-discipline (we have to be trained and groomed). Just make sure you treat the horse with respect. Otherwise all those benefits will go flying out of the saddle.

Is fish healthy?

Dear Mr. Horse: I know you are against eating meat. What about fish?

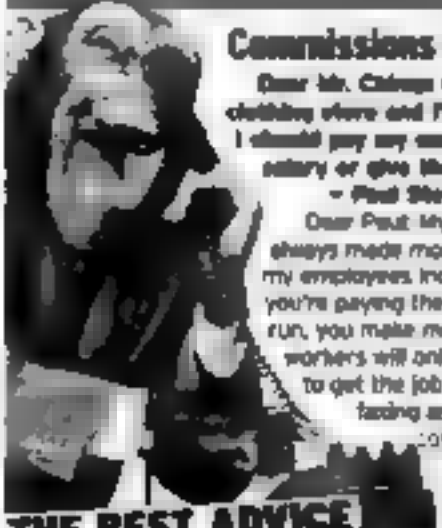
— Ryan Richards, Albany, N.Y.

Dear Ryan: Fish has certain fatty acids that are healthy for all of us. However, fish also absorb a high degree of pollutants in the water — such as lead, cadmium, arsenic and other metals. Those aren't good for us! Fish also have natural toxins such as scromboid and ciguatera, which can't be destroyed by cooking or freezing and can cause nausea, vomiting, headaches and cramps. Also, fish has no fiber, which we need to clean our systems. Whatever is nutritional in fish can be obtained from vegetables — except, of course, a fun day out with dad. No one on the farm here ever looked forward to a day of cornhusking the way they enjoy the ol' fishing hole!

MONKEY BUSINESS

AFTER leaving the circus to make a better life for himself, Sammy the Chatting Chimp started his own exotic pet business and made a fortune. Now he wants to share the secrets that made him wealthy by offering economic advice.

Astute accounting advice from Sammy, the Chatting Chimp!



Commissions or salary?

Dear Mr. Chimp: I'm opening a clothing store and I'm trying to decide if I should pay my employees a fixed salary or give them commissions.

– Paul Stewart, Manhattan, N.Y.

Dear Paul: My businesses have always made more money when I give my employees incentives. Even though you're paying them more in the long run, you make more in the end. Many workers will only do just enough work to get the job done. That's fine for facing and filing. But when it comes to selling products, you want people out there hustling. When I offer a $1,000 bonus to the top salesperson, my employees work harder and roughly $10,000 extra each week. Was it worth parting with the $1,000 to earn $10,000? Of course! It's just like life in the jungle, which is entirely commission-based. Whichever member of the group foraged longer has more food. That's one of the laws I live by.

Office romance O.K.?

Dear Mr. Chimp: Do you recommend allowing romantic involvements to develop between your employees?

– Steve Wright, L.A., Calif.

Dear Steve: Though many companies discourage office romances, my view is it's impossible to do so. The workplace is no different than the jungle. You can't keep apes (or people) from hanging out at the local watering hole.

Still, there are pros and cons. If an office romance goes well, it creates a friendlier atmosphere. People bond, wanting to know 'the details' of each new development. If it goes badly, people can still be professional and do their jobs – but that's rare. If a couple breaks up, the other employees may take sides and look to undermine the performance of one or the other.

The company's bottom line becomes the innocent victim caught in the crossfire. Once, I had to fire a salesman who was doing a bad job . . . and who happened to be dating my top salesperson. She naturally quit and left with him. Unfortunately, his attitude was dragging the other workers down so I had no choice. In

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DID YOU KNOW...

The famous Christmas carol "Jingle Bells" was actually written in honor of Thanksgiving! James Pierpont composed the classic song in 1857 specifically for a Thanksgiving presentation. At that time, it was titled "The One-Horse Open Sleigh."

WORD OF THE WEEK:

CINEASTE:
A person who takes a serious, artistic interest in motion pictures.

BOY THINKS OUT LOUD!

By LEONARD McCOY

SPRINGFIELD GLEN, Ill. – Despite being at the top of all the advanced classes at Springfield Glen Middle School, 12-year-old Tom Stewart was sent to the principal's office for cheating on his midterm exam.

"I heard the young man asking other students for the answers," said history teacher Dale Hinnova. "When I asked him what he was doing, he said he had no idea what I was talking about. Cheating and lying – something had to be done."

Principal John Hopper called in Tom's parents, who were mortified to hear what their son was doing. Tom was suspended for two days. However, on the ride home, Tom's disappointed parents made a surprising discovery.

"As soon as we left the school parking lot Tom started swearing and cursing his teacher," said Mrs. Stewart. "But when I looked at him he was calmly looking out the window. I heard Tom call Principal Hopper a dirtbag, but his lips weren't moving!"

Instead of going home, the Stewarts went right to the hospital. A CAT scan revealed an interesting phenomenon.

"The electrical activity in Tom's brain was three times greater than normal," said Dr. Paul Gibbon. "A little elevation is expected in smart kids but this boy was off the charts! His thoughts were apparently breaking the bonds of mere electrical impulses and causing vibratory patterns in the air. To the people around him, it sounded like Tom was speaking out loud. In reality, he was just thinking out loud."

The Stewarts brought their son back to school and explained the situation to Principal Hopper. The suspension was rescinded.

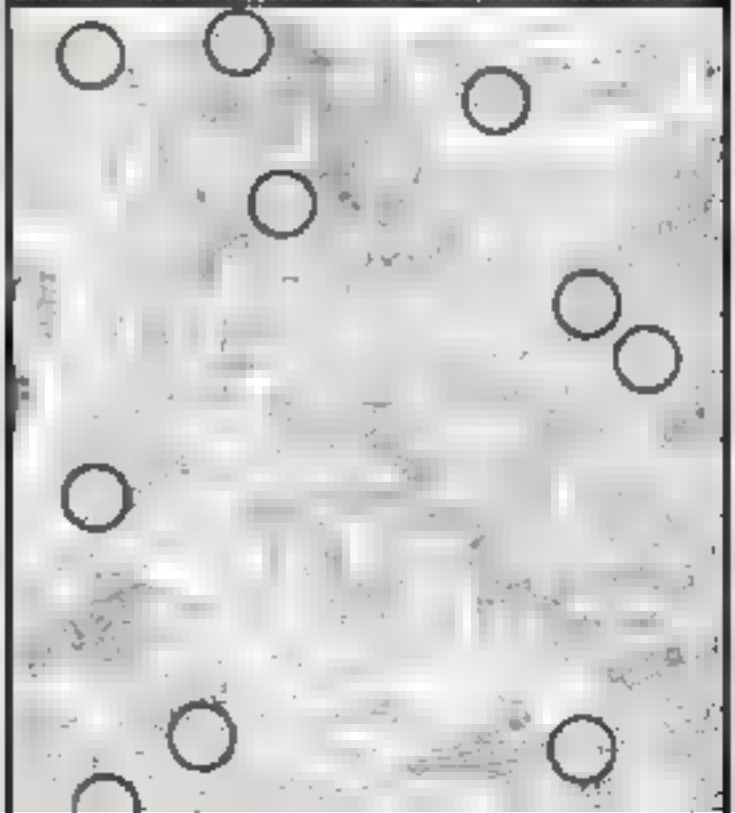
"So when Mr. Hopper heard Tom asking other students for the answers, he was really asking himself, racking his own brains," said Principal Hopper. "It's remarkable and, of course, Tom was forgiven for his infraction. However, we were still left with the problem of how to quiet Tom's mind during class."

Then a sudden inspiration hit Principal Hopper, who took Tom across the school to the gym.

"Until we find a more comfortable solution, a football helmet should muffle Tom's thoughts," said Principal Hopper. "It's strange, though. This is the one time I've had to encourage a student not to think outside the box."

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE SEARCH SOLUTION

Remember? You were supposed to find 10 bat boys hidden in the cartoon



BRAINTEASER

I'm at the beginning of every end, and the end of every place. What am I?

SOLUTION: "E," FROM "END."

TONGUE TWISTER

Swan swam over the sea,
Swim swan, swim!
Swan swam back again,
Well swum, swan!

SAY THIS FIVE TIMES FAST

This is an extreme close-up of a common object. Can you tell what it is?

WHAT IS IT?

TURN PAGE FOR SOLUTION

PEA PRINCESS PUMPS UP!

— NOBERAL, Flowania — *Weekly World News* recently had the pleasure of speaking with Queen Elderdown IV of Flowania, a monarch descended from a very famous princess.

By MICHAEL ROSIN

"My great-great-grandmother was Princess Elderdown the First," said Elderdown IV. "Most people know her from the fairy tale The Princess and the Pea."

The story is about a royal family which suspects their guest is not a princess, as she claims. They secretly put a pea under 20 mattresses, knowing that a real princess would feel it. The next morning Elderdown complained of sleeping on something that kept her awake most of the night. Convinced of her legitimacy, the royal family let Elderdown wed their son.

However, Princess Elderdown IV is fed up with her lineage.

"We have the worst genes in history," said the 23-year-old queen. "For centuries, my ancestors have endured bumps, bruises, fractures and sprains from just the smallest things.

"For instance, a slight rush of cold air can give me frostbite," said Elderdown. "I've chipped a tooth on soufflé. Walking too quickly gives me callouses on my feet. It's awful!"

To put an end to this frailty, Elderdown hired renowned fitness expert Jon Tower to whip her up. Because of her fragile physique, Tower had to ease her into training.

"I started her on simple calisthenics," said Tower. "God forbid she did weights and dropped one on her big toe."

Tower also had her do three push-ups a day, standing and pushing off the wall.

"I didn't want her palms to bruise till they were stronger," said Tower. "Gravity puts a lot of stress on the skin."

Tower also gave her skin-toughening exercises.

"I instructed her servants to strike her bare skin with a roll of paper towels for 10 minutes a day," said Tower. "When she could stand that, we moved on to thicker superabsorbent."

Within a month, Elderdown enjoyed a margin of improvement.

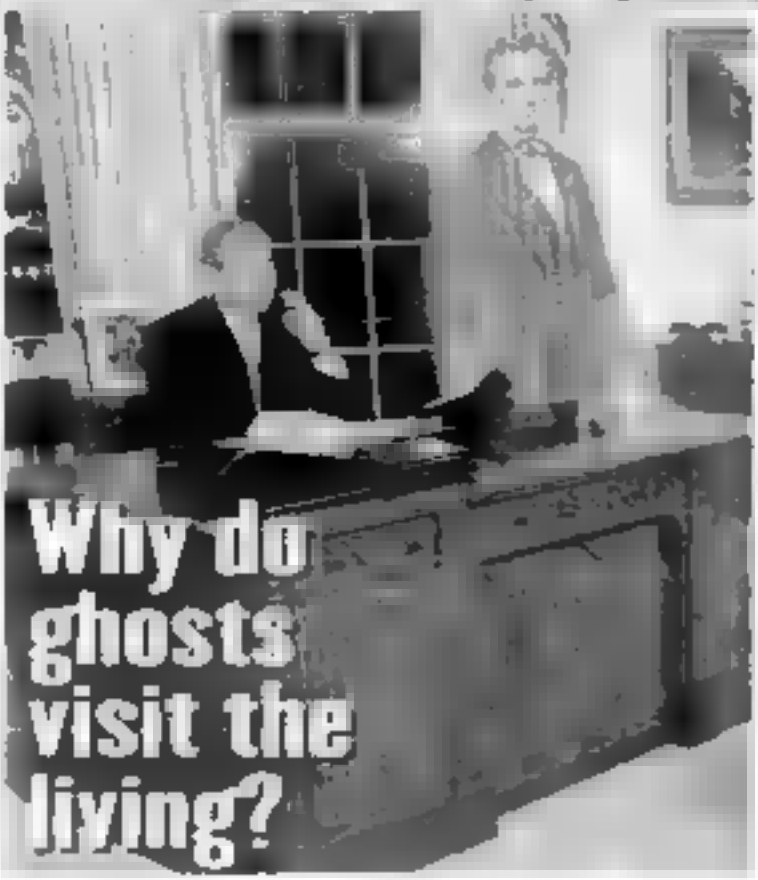
"I feel invincible," Elderdown beamed. "I can finally brush my hair without causing my scalp to bleed. My trainer is working wonders!"

Elderdown even expressed an interest in playing sports.

"She still has a long way to go before that," said Tower. "Perhaps in a year she'll be ready to play a little Nerfball."

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT GHOSTS?

TEST YOURSELF



WEEKLY WORLD NEWS has been reporting on ghost sightings for years. These strange apparitions visit [redacted] for many reasons, and they come in different forms. Let's see how much you know about them.

1. What kind [redacted] built over the Zuni burial ground and [redacted] spirits of the dead with its noise?
   a) A shoe factory
   b) A clothing store
   c) A TV repair shop
   d) A bowling alley

2. History professor [redacted] Levitch bought clothes at a yard sale that were haunted by a man killed while wearing them. What [redacted] of clothes [redacted] they?
   a) A tuxedo
   b) Pajamas
   c) Jogging clothes
   d) A swimsuit

3. What is [redacted] name of a ghost that haunts other ghosts?
   a) [redacted] ghost spooker
   b) A frightener
   c) A phost
   d) An anti-ghost

4. What ghost ship docked in New York in June 2008?
   a) The Bismarck
   b) The Titanic
   c) HMS Bounty
   d) The Lusitania

5. Matthew Daemon, SOS, was in a former president's tomb powering-up a new addition to his super-computerized Weird World Network when the ghost of the president paid him a visit. Whose ghost was it?
   a) George Washington
   b) Ulysses S. Grant
   c) Franklin Roosevelt
   d) Theodore Roosevelt

6. How was the ghost of [redacted] he was haunting?
   a) By an exorcism
   b) He was captured in an electrical field and forced outside
   c) He was convinced to leave by the owners
   d) The house was demolished

7) What was the original name of Ghost Town, a phantom-filled Western town on the outskirts of Death Valley?
   a) McCracken's Water Hole
   b) Dusty Village
   c) Gunslinger Township
   d) Gravestone

8. The ghost of which dead gangster terrorized the president in Washington, D.C.?
   a) Bugsy Siegel
   b) Al Capone
   c) Bonnie Parker
   d) John Dillinger

9. In Pima, Ariz., a new type of ghost appeared – one that reflects the mood of the place it haunts. What is this ghost called?
   a) A phantomizer
   b) A phantomizer
   c) Poltergeigeto
   d) Seasonal spooks

10. Which of the Founding Fathers' remains did not spin in his grave over the sad political situation in Washington?
   a) George Washington
   b) Thomas Jefferson
   c) Ben Franklin
   d) John Adams

11. The ghost of which American president has been seen advising George Bush Jr.?
   a) Thomas Jefferson
   b) John Kennedy
   c) Herbert Hoover
   d) Abraham Lincoln

12. What did John Taylor of the Boston Supernatural Center use to expel the ghost from the toy?
   a) [redacted]
   b) [redacted]
   c) An action figure
   d) A paddle ball

13. The ghost of which American president has been seen advising George Bush?
   a) Thomas Jefferson
   b) John Kennedy
   c) Herbert Hoover
   d) Abraham Lincoln

14. A haunted Thanksgiving turkey recently went on a rampage in the home of which Weekly World News personality?
   a) Lester, the typing horse
   b) Ed Anger
   c) [redacted]

ANSWERS

1 a) The sound of the balls striking the pins was bothering the spirits.
2 [redacted]
3 c) [redacted] also called a 'post ghost.'
4 b) All the phantom pe[redacted] [redacted] from the ship and flew off.
5 b)
6 d) Homeless, Ruth started haunting a cardboard box.
7 a) It was turned into a theme park resort.
8 [redacted]
9 c)
10 a) Although, people watched Washington's grave hoping for a comment.
11 d)
12 c) The action figure was dressed as a priest.
13 d)
14 d)

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SIGHT AND SOUND

- Typewriters were first created in order to help the blind write letters, since everything is automatic including the touch-type system.
- A blind chameleon can still change color to blend in with its environment.
- The only animal that can see both infrared and ultraviolet light is the common goldfish.
- In order to protect themselves from blowing sand, camels have three eyelids.

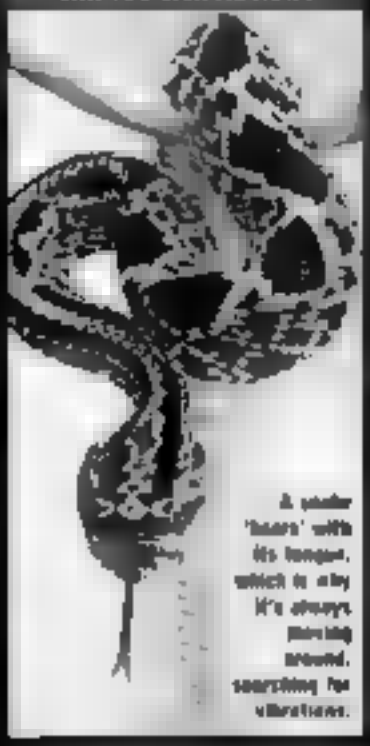
[illegible] dition where a person can only see in black, white and different shades of gray.

- A dolphin's hearing is so acute it can pick up the sounds underwater up to 15 miles away.
- A cat can hear in all different directions without ever moving its head. That's because its ears have 30 muscles, which rotate 180 degrees.

[illegible]

- If you yelled for eight and a half years [illegible] would [illegible] heat from the sound waves to heat one cup of coffee.
- In order to improve their skin and decrease wrinkles, Japanese have been known to bathe in coffee grounds with pineapple pulp.
- In 1909, Meslitta Bentz used a piece of her son's notebook paper as a filter, thereby inventing the very first drip coffeemaker.

CAN YOU LICK ME NOW?



A snake 'tases' with its tongue, which is why it's always moving around, searching for vibrations.

KILLER COFFEE!

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referred to as Arabian Wine

PLANET SATURN

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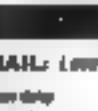

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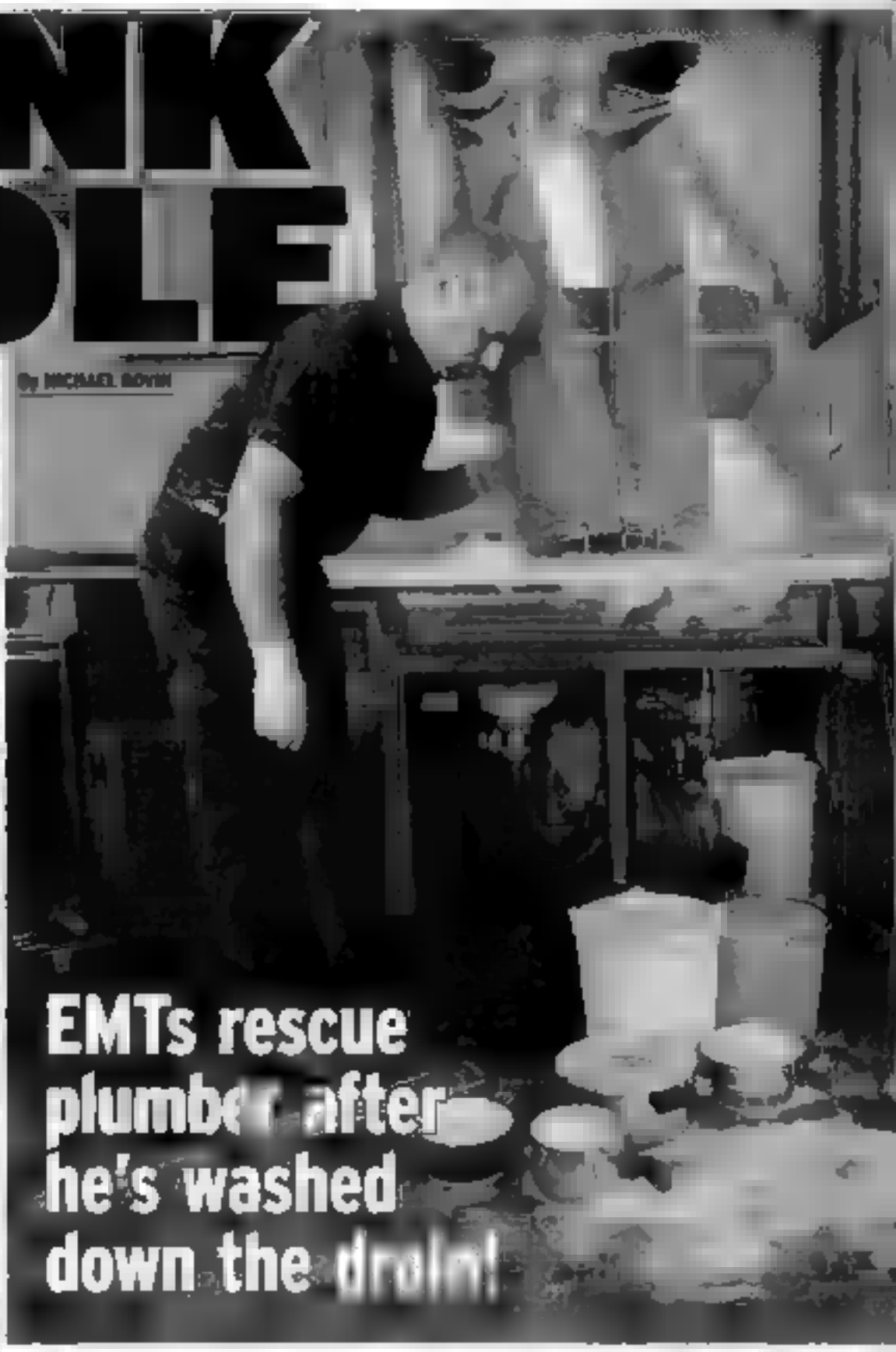

By MICHAEL BOYD

EMTs rescue plumber after he's washed down the drain!

DANBURY, Conn. — On the morning of March 1, an emergency medical team was sent to 231 Maple Street to save Ralph Zimmer, a plumber, from an unprecedented predicament.

"My young son had poured papier mache down the kitchen drain and gummed it all up," said Judy Swanson. "The plumber was leaning over the sink, unplugging it, when the drain just sucked him down."

Zimmer himself wasn't surprised. Swanson's sink was manufactured by the Clogless Drain Company. The pipe was made from a new super-slick flexible fiberglass compound.

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Because of his considerable waist, the EMTs were unable to pull Zimmer out of this amazing "sinkhole" by his legs. Worried that he would run out of oxygen due to his endless screaming, EMT chief Dave Wallace had to act quickly.

"I took a bottle of dishwashing detergent and squirted it inside the drain, around his torso," said Wallace. "His desperate wriggling helped work the liquid down. Once the soap had seeped down the drain, I shouted for Zimmer to inhale on the count of three."

On three, with one EMT on [illegible] from his body and popped from the drain. Covered in soapsuds and his own sweaty fear, the large plumber landed atop Wallace, knocking the kitchen door. Fortunately, both were unharmed. Except for a dirty ring around his midriff, Zimmer had no hard feelings.

"Some people say they've had everything thrown at them but the kitchen sink," Zimmer said. "In my case, it's just the

PC: New alternative current keeps you on the straight and narrow

By JONATHAN PIKE

WARREN, Pa. — Conservative communities across the county have begun using a new form of technology that guarantees their proudly held beliefs will be embraced by others.

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"It was becoming a full-time job protecting my five children from all the smut and atheistic heavy that came to our homes," said Sally Dunbar. "Now I can put my feet up, drink a beer with the al my boyfriends, and relax instead of monitoring them all the darn time."

"This is a lot better than those V-chips in our TV," said bus driver Thomas Carr. "You have to program those. These just do all the thinking and filtering for you."

"It's revolting," said transplanted New Yorker Eric Felt. "To indiscriminately block certain types of information and art is criminal. I'm just glad these PC adapters are confined to peoples' homes."

Felt's relief may be short-lived. Stilton says that his lobbyists in Washington are working to install their adapters in commercial and public buildings as well.

"We're hoping to have a PC adapter in every TV and radio station, computer cafe, video game arcade, school and abortion clinic by the end of next year," said Stilton. "We want to make sure that when Americans seek news and entertainment, the 'current' events are wholesome."

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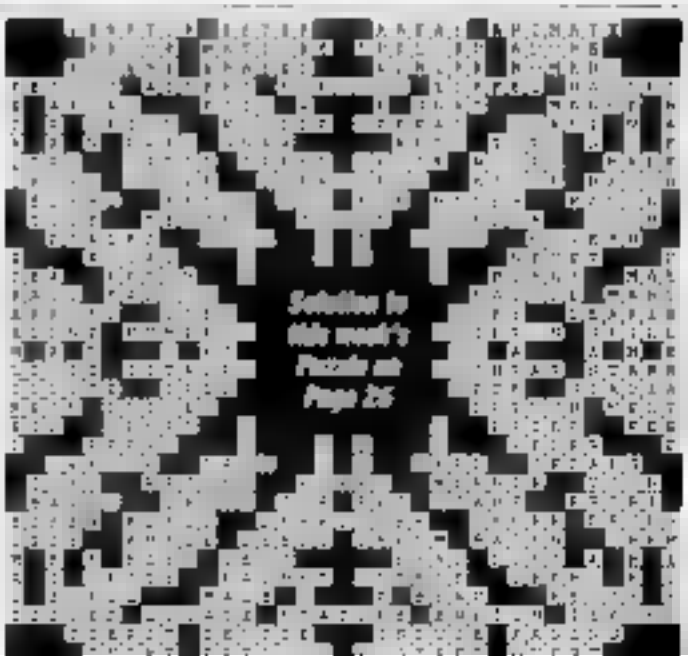

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MALL EDITION

WACKY WARNING LABELS

WITH all the absurd lawsuits being filed these days, it's no wonder companies would rather be overly safe than sorry when it comes to warning labels – but these are just plain ridiculous.

CAUTION

Will not be permitted in most neighborhoods but will be patronized by those who live in them.

WARNING

Activities depicted in these games are condemned by war-making, philandering politicians.

DANGER

Fat and high cholesterol content combined with uncustomary activity of walking through mall may put strain on heart.

WORLD'S WEIRDEST FORTUNE COOKIES

EVERYONE knows the best part of eating at a Chinese restaurant is the fortune cookies. Usually the prediction is good, but sometimes you really break into a bad cookie.

You readers may not know this, but we crazy pack rats at *WWW* make a habit of saving silly things – and weird fortunes are one of our favorites.

God is watching us all. And He's very tempted to change the channel.

If you sweep your troubles under the rug, you'll end up tripping over the lump.

Nice guys finish lunch.

...will gladly pay you Tuesday for an eggroll today.

Today is the first day of the rest of your week.

TEXT MESSAGES FOR GROWNUPS

By JONATHAN PINE

HARTFORD, Conn. — For the past few years, parents have been baffled by the shorthand communication that their children use on-line.

"All these abbreviations, like LOL and [redacted] seemed silly to me," said 36-year-old mother Judy [redacted]. "I was worried that it was dumbing down our children's communication skills. It was bad enough when people started to spell 'laugh' as 'laff.' Now it's just an 'l.'"

However, as parents spend more time corresponding through digital technology — with tiny keys and no typing skills — the usefulness of abbreviated phrases has become more apparent.

"I have to admit it's a time saver, especially for text messaging," said father John [redacted]. "If I'm in a meeting and I need to tell my wife something, it's easier to punch a few letters into my phone rather than spend 10 minutes typing a whole sentence. After all, people have been substituting 'O.K.' for 'all right' for years and civilization hasn't collapsed."

Not only are parents [redacted]ting into the digital groove, [redacted] their acronyms are more sophisticated than those of their [redacted]n.

"My kid used to hover over me while I instant-messaged my friends and I had to watch what I wrote," said Teri Kirk. "Now he has no idea what I'm typing, so I can [redacted]

"An hour ago I got a text message from [redacted] MKIDMC, which is short for My Kid Is Driving Me Crazy." She grinned. "It drove my daughter crazy not knowing what she'd written!"

Weekly [redacted] *News* has assembled a list of some of the digital jargon now [redacted] used by parents

- **DITFH:** Dinner's In The Fridge Honey.
- **CUPUMRAS?:** [redacted] You Pick Up My Kid After School?
- **WTPPT?:** Want To [redacted] Potter Tonight?
- **YDFTB:** [redacted] Don't Forget The Beer.
- **DYHTR?:** Do You Have That Recipe?
- **CYL.MWW8U:** Call You Later. [redacted] Wife Won't Shut Up.
- **DFTWTD:** Don't Forget To Walk [redacted].
- **MHIAS:** My Husband Is A Slob.
- **MWIAN:** My Wife Is A Nag.
- **DYHAGL:** Do You Know A Good Lawyer?

MAN WITH THE OLDEN TOUCH

VILNIUS, Lithuania — Two months ago, Baltic Fisherman Karolis Buchinski awoke with a terrible malady, one which has earned him the title The Man with the Olden Touch.

"After waking one morning, I reached for the apple I kept on my night stand," Buchinski told *Weekly World News*. "The apple was green but it ripened, rotted and dissolved to dust in my hand!

"I thought it was a fluke, but minutes later as I took a wooden brush to comb my hair, it disintegrated! When I tried to put my leather vest on, it disintegrated!"

Buchinski ran barefoot through the streets to the Simon Nali Medical Center. After explaining what had happened to disbelieving physicians, he picked up a biscuit, turning it to moldy dust.

"Evidently Buchinski was a human particle accelerator speeding up the process of entropy with his touch," said physicist Karol Ilekos, who was visiting his wife and new son. "Initial research of the condition was caused by a new cell phone transmitter built too close to his houseboat, bombarding the fisherman with microwaves."

"Until they find a cure for me, I have to wear a lead-lined suit and gloves which neutralize the effect," Buchinski said. "It's a bit cumbersome but I'd rather be hard than dead."

WWN HOROSCOPE

BY MADAME MALISA

Renowned medium & psychic

April 10 – April 16

Your weekly star guide

Readers all over the country are using Madame Malisa's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your [illegible], simply [illegible] you need [illegible] for the lottery in question, add your birthday [illegible] numbers, keep [illegible] listed each.

Your Lucky Lotto Numbers

ARIES	10, 20, 3, 36, 41, 49
TAURUS	21, 26, 28, 31, 35, 38
GEMINI	17, 19, 21, 24, 29, 30
CANCER	11, 19, 27, 33, 44, 49
LEO	7, 8, 10, 15, 35, 38
VIRGO	3, 9, 14, 22, 31, 49
LIBRA	9, 15, 27, 29, 36, 41
SCORPIO	1, 4, 7, 9, 11, 32
SAGITTARIUS	[illegible] 28, 45
CAPRICORN	15, 17, 27, 30, 35, 38
AQUARIUS	3, 13, 21, 28, 33, 42
PISCES	4, 16, 19, 22, 28, 33

is this week

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ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

Assess your financial position this week. Study closely the mistakes made in the past and map out a plan that will put you on the road to security.

A family disagreement may require your talent for fair-mindedness. But don't make the mistake of choosing sides.

Fantasies about a co-worker have to stay! Forget about it and get busy for the weekend.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

What a week for romance! A new love could enter your life by the weekend, leaving you breathless. Wedding bells are in the air.

Your finances get an unexpected boost — keep an eye on the mailbox.

Car trouble could keep you grounded on Tuesday, and a helpful friend will prove to be a friend indeed, though he may hit you up for a bigger favor.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

Rushing right in without looking could get you in trouble with a pal this week. Don't get involved in someone else's affair unless you're asked.

Keep track of your spending over the next two weeks and see if you've been impulse shopping. You've been feeling anxious lately, so if you are about to figure it all out. Good news: You just might! Try dinner and a massage.

CANCER

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Be aggressive and willing to go after your goals this week. But remember you have a minor influence over friends and associates so don't push your luck.

Don't travel unnecessarily on Thursday and Friday. Hazardous time ends by the weekend. The color green is lucky for you — wear it for business meetings or on romantic outings. You won't be sorry.

LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

Don't be afraid to look into a mirror and see what's really there this week, even if it makes you wince.

Know your strengths and weaknesses and how to deal with them. You may set an example for someone who has always looked up to you. Be objective when giving advice. Or better still, don't give it. Surprisingly, you're also poised for romance. Use it or lose it.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Being overprotective may allow friends and relatives to use you for their selfish interests this week.

This may be the busiest week of your life. Taking advantage of new opportunities could result in huge financial gains.

Remember: With plans before you walk ahead. The first steps for it will. Take time to explore those walls of unmapped talent but avoid the neighbors.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

There's trouble brewing everywhere, but you can come out smelling like a rose if you keep a cool head this week.

Don't let friends talk you into joining battles that aren't worth fighting. It could cost you!

An e-mail or phone call brings exciting news.

A dream about money comes true — but in a way you'd never expect.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

This is no time to act like a scorpion. Your charm and sense of humor could bring financial rewards this week. Smile, even if it hurts.

Resist the urge to be brutally honest with a person who's in a position to help you. Take the tactful approach.

A dream could scare you. Be sure to separate fantasy from reality and avoid late-night driving Tuesday and Friday.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Following a creative urge now could lead to dramatic changes in your life. Don't be afraid to trust your instincts, move out or take a chance.

Being too dependent may create legal problems. Stand on your own two feet and avoid an unwelcome visitor.

A change in plans may cause a small setback, but your goals can still be achieved.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Be prepared to take advantage of an unusual opportunity this week. Get advice from experts if necessary, but don't waste your money.

Your sense of loyalty could lead to problems when a trusted friend tries to get you into trouble. Rely on instinct or go by-the to do the right thing.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

An opportunity to make changes that could improve your home or work life may come your way this week. But don't count on it. Be sure you know what you want but remember that happiness grow in branches.

Emphasize your good points — honesty, generosity and modesty. And [illegible] Don't [illegible] to all your

PISCES

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

You're revved up and ready to go this week, accomplishing things you didn't think you possibly could.

At work you'll have some brilliant ideas that will be eagerly seized on by others who have the power to translate them into deeds. Make sure you get the credit!

At home, look to share on the

Teachers form group ■ replace old cliches ■ meaningless phrases

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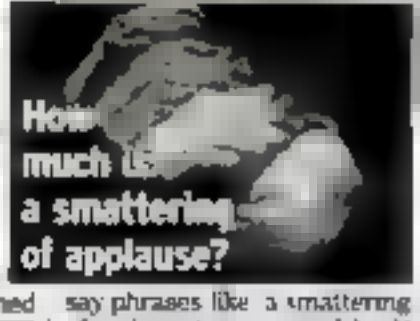

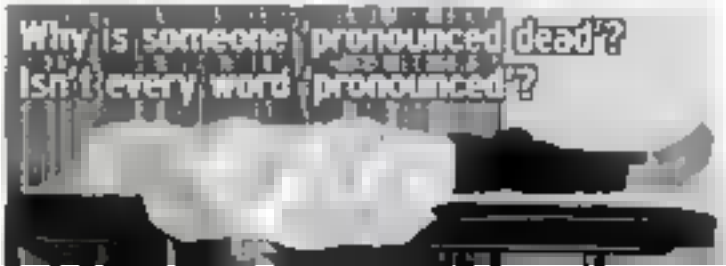

by MARK MILLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After reading about the origin of cliches (*Weekly World News*, March 8, 2005), 63-year-old high school English teacher Kimberly Davis was inspired to do something about them. She and three other teachers across the nation have created the Organization of Fresh American Language.

It's function?

"Simply put, we find newer, better words to replace tired, cliched words and phrases," Davis explained.

As examples, Davis said OFAL recently petitioned news media to change the cliched phrase 'hail of gunfire' to 'spray of terminal firepower.' Similarly, she asked that 'torrential rains' be replaced with 'non-stop blanket of precipitation.'

"People hear phrases like that as a single word, a big mental blur that has lost all dramatic meaning."

However, she said there's another reason for freshening the language.

"Sometimes you need new words to be more precise and contemporary," she said. "We say phrases like 'a smattering of applause,' 'pronounced dead,' and 'waiting on pins and needles.' Well, how much is a smattering? Why is death special — isn't every word 'pronounced'? And do you know anyone who has ever felt more loaded at!"

"Heck, I'll bet you don't know anyone who even has an etui," she added.

Davis proposes instead the replacement phrases 'latte applause' and 'waiting on fire.'

When asked if she expected others to join the four teachers in their unfunded, largely unheralded crusade, she said, "Yes. We're going to take the nation by storm."

FOG BANK

LONDON, England — A practical use for English fog has finally been found — thanks to bank tycoon and industrialist, Mallard J. Seltzer III.

"For centuries we Britons have coped with the pervasive darkness known as English fog," Seltzer told *Weekly World News*. "But with global warming on the rise, the whole world will soon be in dire need of water.

"We've developed a system of giant bellows to suck up, preserve and recycle English fog which is actually just moisture in the condensation level prior to rain. We put the fog in big glass jars which are stored in a fog bank, which are huge concrete bunkers kept at 5 degrees Celsius — just above freezing — until it's needed.

"We made a dry run recently, making a withdrawal and releasing the fog above a drought stricken African principality," Seltzer said proudly. "Within hours, the entire region was blessed by misty rainfall.

"Unfortunately there was also widespread flooding. It's a very new procedure and we haven't quite learned how to control it yet.

"But we will," Seltzer said. "You can 'bank' on it!"

— *Dick Siegel*

WWN FOLLOW-UP!

HERE'S THE LATEST ON YOUR FAVORITE STORIES

By MICHAEL ROVIN

TO make sure our readers have the most accurate, up-to-date facts on the world's breaking news, *Weekly World News* will be providing regular follow-ups to some of our most important articles. Don't miss an issue, or you'll also miss the latest developments in our bizarre world!

Barbarian babe wakes from the grave . . . and takes Manhattan!

AFTER being found in peat bog and resuscitated from a state of hibernation, the Amazon warrior nicknamed Amy went on a rampage in New York City. Police eventually found her worshiping in front of the Statue of Liberty and apprehended her.

Now, after months of rehabilitation – helped by watching TV, especially moral-teaching cartoons – Amy has been able to become a contributing member of modern society.

"We helped her find a job suited to her talents," said Dr. Troyer. "After contemplating basketball and ranching, she expressed interest working at something passive – a grocery clerk, stocking shelves. Her height made her a natural for the job. She considers it a most honorable and necessary profession and is in awe of how accessible food is nowadays. It comforts her to spend her time surrounded by it."

At first, the manager of Jackson's Grocery had his hands full with Amy.

"She kept sampling the food," said owner Ralph Jackson. "Just yesterday she had opened a box of pasta and was munching on it in front of the customers."

However, business increased when people found out that an Amazon warrior was working at the store.

"She even has a boyfriend now," said Dr. Troyer. "He's a bouncer at a Bronx bar. Big guy. Amy seems really happy. He recently taught her how to arm wrestle and she beats him every time. She tells him he should eat more spinach, like Popeye."

MARRIES HIS CAR TO GET A GREEN CARD

IN order to get his green card, Frenchman Pierre Trotter married his American-made car. Although it was a controversial decision, the marriage was upheld by the courts. Sadly, after eight months of marriage, Trotter filed for divorce from the car – who is referred to as Bonnie Ville in the documents.

"My wife is driving me insane!" Trotter said, adding the pun is intentional. "She keeps stopping on the road to drain her radiator or adjust her mirrors, so we're always late. And she's so high maintenance. Every time I bring her in for a lube job, she needs new shocks, new calipers and new [illegible]. I spend a fortune taking her to the car wash. And at night she's always exhaling loudly through her exhaust."

However, the judge felt that these grounds were insufficient for divorce and denied Trotter's request.

"I did get a trial separation, however," Trotter said. "I've moved from the garage and will be sleeping in the bedroom. I'll say this: It's a lot quieter without the carbon monoxide detector going off all the time."

Mind-your-self in BRAIN

IN December, the Arizona Brain Scrutiny Foundation was hit by bolts of lightning during an electrical storm. The foundation, which was a repository for more than 1,000 human brains, sent a shower of gray matter over the entire city of Tempe, Ariz. No one was hurt, though the downpour caused quite a mess. However, the accident did have one positive effect.

"A week after the explosion we had reports that 8 percent of the students in Tempe Park Union School were getting straight A's," said ABSF Senior Director Robert Hemp. "In addition, companies all over the city noticed a spike in business due to overachieving employees. Even bookstore sales were at a record high."

After running tests on a representative sample of the population, it became clear to ABSF that a majority of people in Tempe experienced a 50 percent boost in their IQ levels.

"The people we tested said they accidentally swallowed, snorted or otherwise ingested particles of brain during the downpour," said Hemp. "Some even absorbed wisdom through their skin. It's an amazing phenomenon."

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS EXTREME OPINION

MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

GOVERNMENT OVERSTEPS ITS BOUNDARIES

– GOOGLE TAKES ON-LINE HARDLINE TO PROTECT USER'S RIGHT TO PRIVACY!

GOOGLE cofounder & president Sergey Brin.

I'M MAD as a lettuce grower with rabbits for neighbors at the latest intrusion into my life.

Friends, I support my government in its battle against terrorists. But you know what? There aren't any terrorists lurking inside my computer.

When I write my columns, I do homework. This often requires searching for facts on the Internet. I occasionally go to Web sites that turn my stomach — but that comes with the time-honored profession of journalist.

Last summer, this administration demanded that Google, Yahoo, AOL and others supply them with lists of search requests. Why does the leader of this great land want that information? Ostensibly, it's to protect the nation's children from stalkers. To keep sick minds rapity, he wants to peek inside our hard drives. Yours, mine and everyone else's.

I don't know about you, but that steams me something fierce.

Our right to privacy is protected by the Constitution and the courts. Our president seems to think that by wanting to protect our privacy, we must have something to hide. Some people do, but that's not the point. We should be able to sit at home, get on-line, and seek out the information we want without worrying whether someone is monitoring our searches. If the president or his people think someone is doing something wrong, they are obligated to go to court, present a case, and have a judge issue an order that allows them to eavesdrop for a specified reason and for a limited time.

Mr. Bush doesn't want to be in- makes me wonder if he wants this information for reasons other than what he's stated. Like searching for people who disagree with his policies.

While some of these search engines have capitulated to the fearsome might of the Justice Department, I salute Google for taking a stand and refusing to turn over their records. Someone has to rise up and declare this action is wrong.

Sadly, it's a private company and not our government.

I strongly suggest the Executive Branch do their own on-line search for the truths we hold self-evident. I'll even give them a place to start: http://www.house.gov/htbin/leave_site?ln_uri=http://www.archives.gov/national_archives_experience/charters/constitution.html

It's the Constitution of this great nation and one I am proud to read regularly.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS SOUND OFF!

DEAR EDITOR: I'm really excited to see my favorite bloodsucker, Dracula, sink his fangs into the political arena. (*Weekly World News*, March 20, 2006). This cool 'nemecrat' has my vote for senator! Just one thing troubles me though. At the end of the article, Dracula is quoted as saying, "My image doesn't show up on film so photo ops are pretty useless for me."

But on the very next page is a full page picture of the candidate! What gives?

– Chris Leigh, Sangria, N.Y.

That's the king of the vampires in the flesh, all right. Candidate Dracula told us that he wore very heavy makeup – which does show up on film.

♦ ♦ ♦

Dear Editor: I've been reading your publications for years but recently I noticed that everyone from the future, including man-dog Hynde Laig from the year 3406, (*Weekly World News*, February 27, 2006) has traveled through time by means of a hyper-slinky. I'd like to know where I can get one. There are a few bullies I'd like to go back and beat up from my school days.

– Tom Brown, Lux, Mass.

Tom, like the rest of us, you'll just have to wait until they're invented.

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Dear Editor: Dudes, I'm like totally freaked out. On the cover of your latest edition, March 20, 2006, the headline proclaims "Computer Virus Spreads to Humans! I want you to know I'm not taking any chances. I've sealed my PC in a plexiglass housing to prevent the spread of germs either in-to or out-from. I wear rubber gloves when I operate the keyboard. Pretty smart, huh?

– Hal Purple, Colossus, N.H.

Sealing the computer in plexiglass may seem like a good idea, but without adequate ventilation your PC is going to hit temperature levels beyond capacity. In other words, it's going to burn up – with or without a fever.

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Dear Editor: I loved the first of your cow abduction stories (*Weekly World News*, March 13, 2006) and am looking forward to the rest. I'm wondering, though, are goats next? I own a petting zoo outside Greater Tumpleton and lately I've seen a lot of strange, short people eyeing my little tin-eaters. Should I be worried? They've also been caressing my llama. I've enclosed a photo.

– Hergé Chocolat, Synonym Bum, W. Va.

Those "strange, short people" milling about your petting zoo aren't aliens – they're children! And before you ask, the metal vehicles are called "cars."

♦ ♦ ♦

Dear Editor: Boy, am I glad archaeologist Phil Wylie finally found Atlantis! (*Weekly World News*, March 20, 2006) Me and my boys have been marching all over Georgia trying to find it! You know those Reps get pretty antsy when I ask for directions or a spare match to light my cigar!

– William Tecumseh Sherman, Tara, Ga.

That's Atlantis. Lucky for them, it's in a place that's too cold to burn.

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Dear Editor: I found your recent account of how those two mad doctors made the Frank-Einstein Monster (*Weekly World News*, March 20, 2006) to be rather thrilling. Imagine taking all that effort to create a super-soldier in secret under Yankee Stadium. I wonder if they might have succeeded working beneath Ebbets Field in Brooklyn instead, since the Dodgers rarely won back then. With less noise from the fans they might have succeeded. I've been working on a pet project of my own lately. I'm creating a ball club owner from wood chips and twine – and this O'Malley will bring the Dodgers back to Brooklyn!

– Dr. Clive Colin, Strickladden, N.J.

Keep us posted on that, Doc. If you succeed, we'll run an article faster'n you can say "Jackie Robinson."

♦ ♦ ♦

Dear Editor: I've been reading your paper since I was 6 years old. I'm now 9 and it's time to realize my destiny. I want to team up with the Clean Crusader himself, Bath-Man, (*Weekly World News*, December 12, 2005) the grime fighter! I've been practicing by throwing soap bars at my former friends. Last week I tied a bath towel around my neck and stopped my sister from beating up my younger brother. Batman's got Robin, so Bath-Man should have his Squeaky! Can you please let him know that I'm ready to join his crusade to clean up Ivory City?

– Horace "Squeaky" Dee, Bucky, Ariz.

Bath-Man tells us he works alone. Sorry to 'scrub' your ambition.

Tell us what YOU think! Write to: Sound Off, c/o *Weekly World News*, P.O. Box 3038, Boca Raton, FL 33431-0936. E-mail: Editor@weeklyworldnews.com

Letter of the Week

DEAR EDITOR: As an aspiring paleontologist at O'Brien University in South Dakota, I'm constantly amazed at the hitherto unknown information about dinosaurs that your reporters discover. The problem is that when my professor, Dana Birnbach, brought up the life expectancy of the average dinosaur, I asked if he knew what teen-age dinosaurs did. He looked at me with a mixture of awe and contempt as he evidently had no ignorance by claiming all dinosaurs did after birth was eat, mate and try to survive.

Imagine his surprise when I pulled out your March 13, 2006 issue with the Miner-Saurs! Now Prof. Birnbach is such a fan he's been trying to get his hands on all the back issues that have dinosaurs in them. He asked to borrow mine. I told him, "No way - they're collector's items." Now he's threatening to fail

photocopies don't do the great pictures justice. Maybe you could have Charles R. Day – the paleontologist who led the first expedition to Dinosaur Jungle (*Weekly World News*, April 11, 2005) – take this crapped bone found on his next expedition. That would get him off my back.

– Wah Jiang, Engelhorn Falls, S.D.

We passed your letter onto Prof. Day and he'll be glad to take your professor along. For a small donation to the New York Museum of Antiquities, he'll even have

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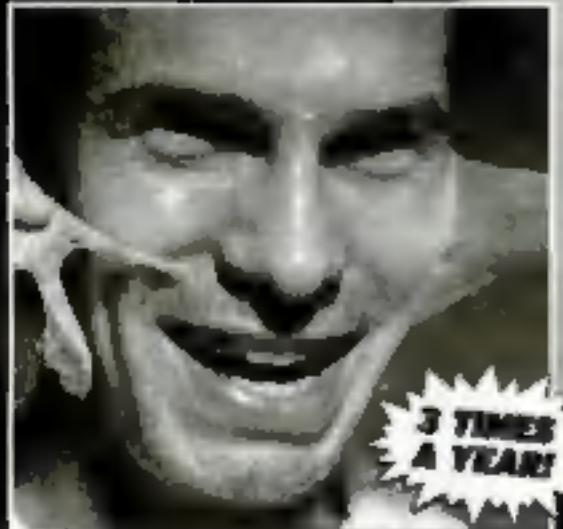

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